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FOREWORD

Although information is available on current developments in the planning and use of educational facilities, it is dispersed among so many resources that it is difficult and time consuming for a citizen, whether student, public official, planner or educator to find out what is going on. This publication gathers up the scattered information on all the lively facilities topics and complements it with names and addresses of prime information sources so that readers can pursue their particular needs and interests.

Places and Things for Experimental Schools is a joint effort of the new Experimental Schools program of the U. S. Office of Education, and the Educational Facilities Laboratories. The Experimental Schools program was introduced by President Nixon to bridge the gap between basic educational research and its actual practice in schools. It is designed to support a small number of nationally significant, comprehensive, kindergarten through grade 12 experiments with a major focus on documentation and evaluation.

Each Experimental Schools site is a coherent, integrated, mutually reinforcing set of operational variables in such areas as curriculum, staff selection, staff training,

administration, organizational structure, and length of school day and year. Three Experimental Schools sites have been in operation since September, 1971, and three more will be in operation by September, 1972. Each site combines a variety of promising practices into a comprehensive program for 2,000 to 5,000 students principally from low-income families, who have not previously achieved educational success.

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experiment, while good facilities can provide essential support.

An increasing number of parents are interested in new educational ideas. So are students, community groups, teachers, administrators, educational researchers, local, state, and federal officials, architects, planners and builders. This publication is intended to serve them all; to give access to the latest developments in the things of education and their relationship to educational experimentation.

Places and Things for Experimental Schools was produced by a team led by Laurence Molloy, an EFL project director. Molloy, an architect, developed the form and content of the publication and designed many of the illustrations. We wish to thank the hundreds of educators, architects, planners and manufacturers who helped gather material and permitted us to publish their names and addresses as sources for further information.

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1. FOUND SPACE

Schools do not always need buildings originally designed for education. To avoid the problems of time and cost of new construction, imaginative people are turning barns, bathhouses and mattress factories into day care centers, nurseries and schools. It's found space, it's quick, and it's relatively inexpensive.

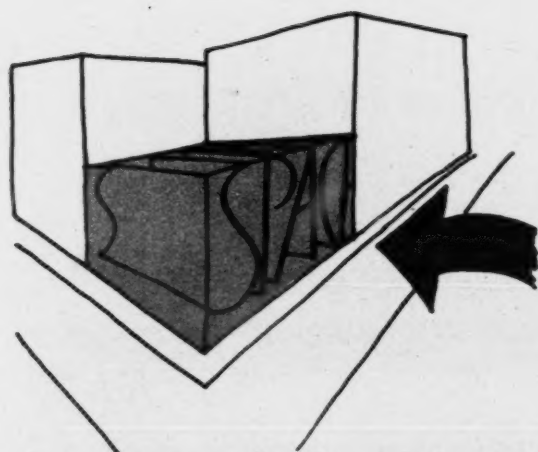
Some buildings, however, aren't fit for schools -- some don't even meet factory codes, much less educational codes. The location is important, too -- how far is it from the children, the city, museums and other potential resources? Who you are and how you get an old building are also considerations. Look into the merits of private or semi-private ownership, parent cooperative ownership or incorporation; and outright purchase, temporary lease, lease with option to buy, or other title arrangements. Don't forget that with a lease arrangement, an investment in found space can be easy to retrieve. If the school is no longer needed, drop the lease and remove your equipment. Though these considerations may sound complicated, the advantages of found space over conventional construction are many.

TEN PRINCIPLES FOR FINDING

1. ZONING - What are the zoning codes? Can you get an appeal for a zoning variance that is not and/or impossible.
2. HEALTH CODES - Can an amateur plumber do it? How many plumbing and toilet fixtures?
3. FIRE CODES - Fire exits? Fire escapes. Basement spaces and floors have poor fire resistant surfaces?
4. CONDITION - Is it safe? Is it sound? Until there's a professional inspection of electrical, plumbing, and structural.
5. DIMENSIONS - What kind of space is in there? Don't buy a lot of space with a lot of skin. Get the longest column.
6. WINDOWS - Is there any natural light? Will artificial lighting will be enough? Do you have to knock out some walls just for light?
7. THE LOT - Got any left-over space? Exterior circulation?
8. SERVICE - Can you get to it? Loading-unloading?
9. SHARING - What kind of space is it? Can you change the walls? Floors? Can't modify it.
10. AESTHETICS - Talk to an architect. Take time to make the building beautiful.

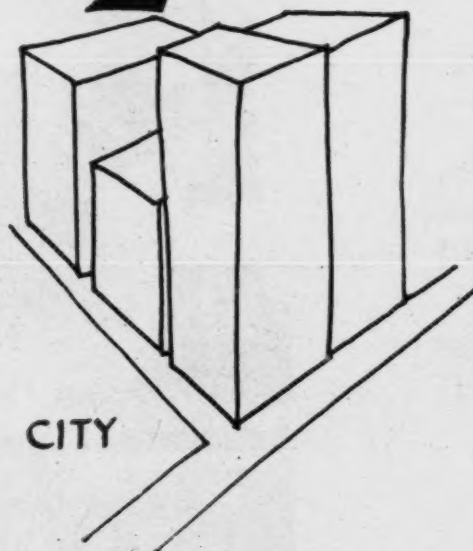
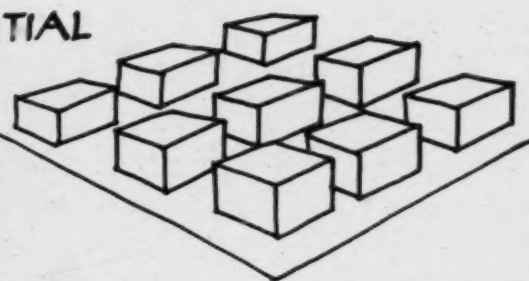
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2. HEALTH CODES - Can an ambulance get to the front door? How many plumbing and toilet facilities are needed?
3. FIRE CODES - Fire exits? You'll have to enclose those fire escapes. Basement space is usually out. Do walls and floors have poor fire ratings and/or inflammable surfaces?
4. CONDITION - Is it safe? Don't make any commitments until there's a professional examination of the structural, electrical, plumbing, and architectural condition.
5. DIMENSIONS - What kind of educational activity can go on in there? Don't buy a lot of boxes covered with a brick skin. Get the longest column span you can.
6. WINDOWS - Is there any indoor-outdoor contact? How much artificial lighting will be needed? You may have to knock out some walls just for light.
7. THE LOT - Got any left-over land for parking? Playground? Exterior circulation?
8. SERVICE - Can you get there? Bus lines? Service access? Loading-unloading?
9. SHARING - What kind of landlord do you have? Can you change the walls? Floors? Space is seldom good if you can't modify it.
10. AESTHETICS - Talk to an architect. What's it going to take to make the building beautiful?



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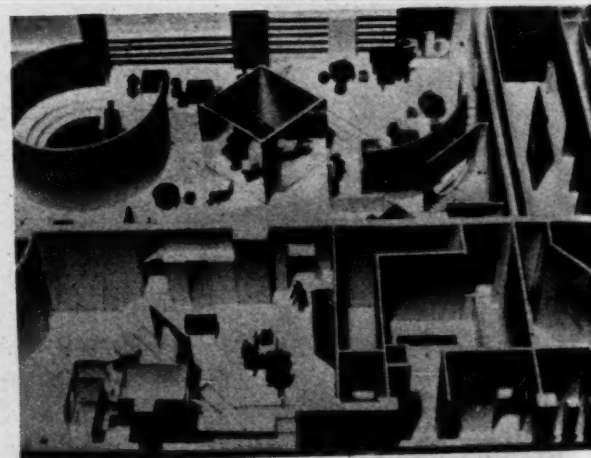
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Found space is often cheaper than constructing a new building. A well-designed and well-preserved building which fits your needs often requires no structural and little architectural refurbishing -- often merely simple interior changes. Since costs are lower, the money is more easily available at lower interest rates. Found space is fast, too. Generally, it does not take nearly as long to remodel as it does to build; there are many examples of schools moving into found space in lightning time. In addition, it might be useful to expand an overcrowded school by obtaining space in a nearby building. Found space can be fun! Interest in an old building can generate enthusiastic community response -- a participation bringing a variety of talents and resources to the aid of a project, thus involving community members in renovation and educational innovation. So, found space is not just the unnoticed space in a neighborhood made attractive, but a process as well -- a process in which people, education and things come together for the benefit of all.*

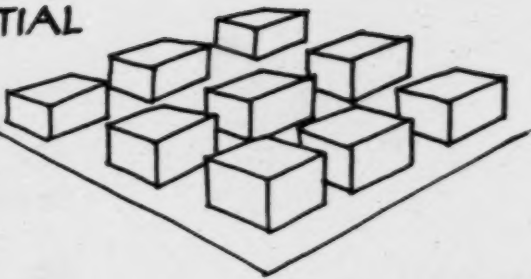
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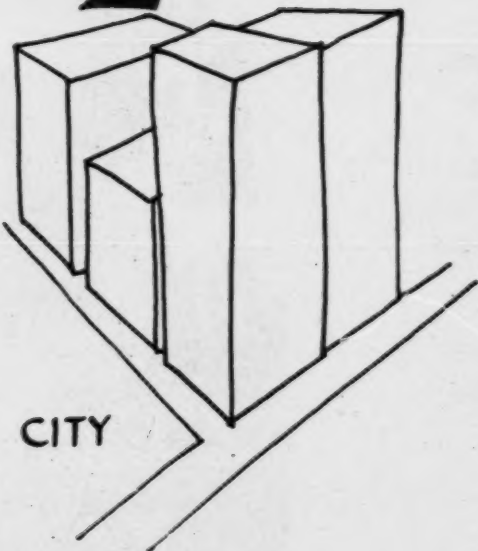
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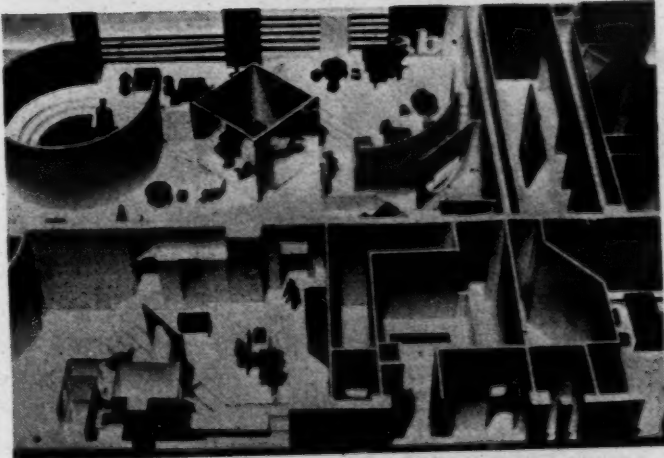


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Found Space for Early Learning

The first schools in found space probably were early learning centers and day care nurseries. The Hilltop Center, a Head Start project in Dorchester, Mass., remodeled an old supermarket into a successful early education center -- a storefront school. Serving 90 children three to five years old, Hilltop was converted by using volunteer community labor to revamp the mechanical services, install windows, replace old toilet facilities, rip out shelving, and brick up all of the front except a large display window. That display window is Hilltop's major asset. People passing by see children sitting in the window and come in to see what's going on. Some stayed and are now members of the staff.

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USE OF INDUSTRIAL OBJECTS BRIGHTENS THIS FOUND SPACE

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The Acorn School, a Montessori school in Manhattan, found space on the ground floor of a middle-income apartment building. The school placed a convention: the architects designed a room for a dropped ceiling, so the pipes and labeled each according to the Industrial scaffolding and playful use of an otherwise oppressive ground floor space, creating an exciting and infinitely variable space.

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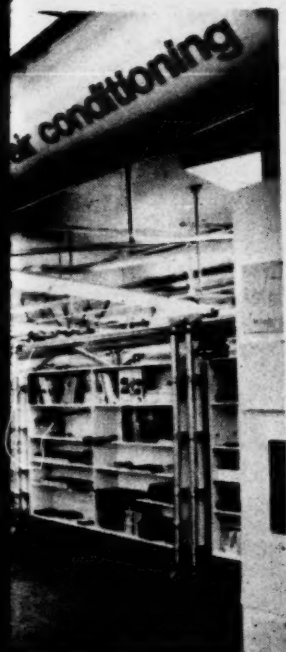


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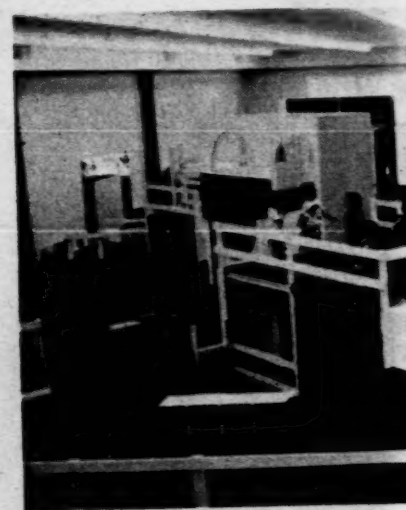
In South Carolina, the Sea Pines Montessori School found a former souvenir shop on the edge of the ocean with a spectacular location and a year-round beach-front play yard. Workers remodeled the concrete post and beam construction in two weeks. Plumbing and airconditioning, liberal amounts of paint, carpet, asphalt tile, and sand for the play yard completed the school. In effect, for a minimum amount of time and money, a blighted, rundown old store was changed into a bright, airconditioned, partially carpeted early learning center.

USE FOUND SPACE AND MOVE IN FASTER

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Sea Pines Montessori School
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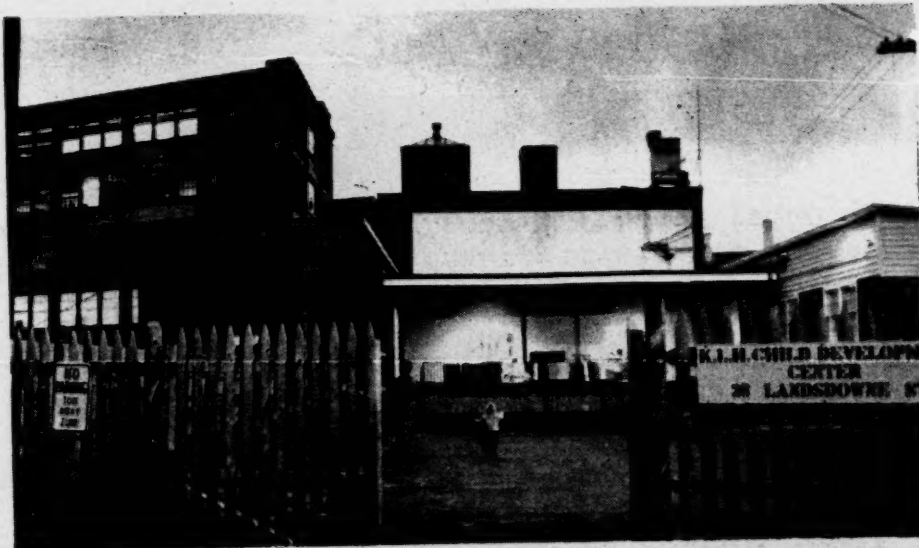


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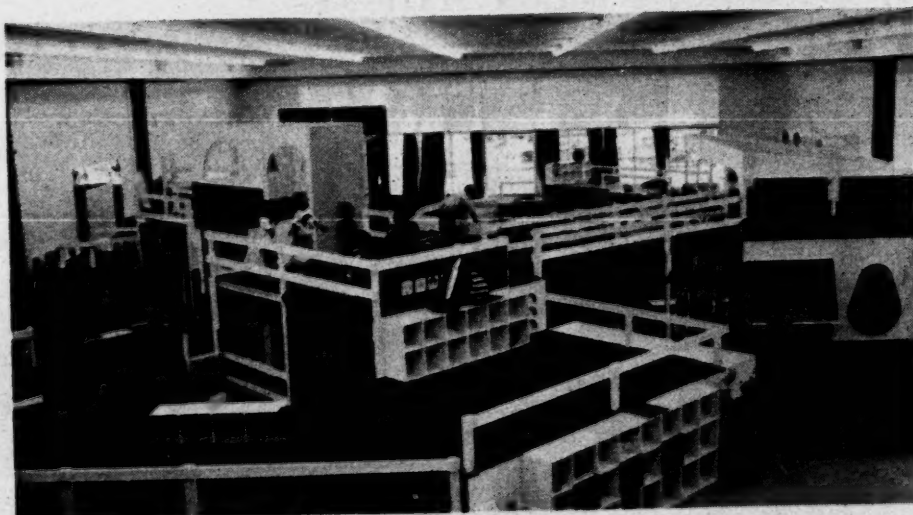
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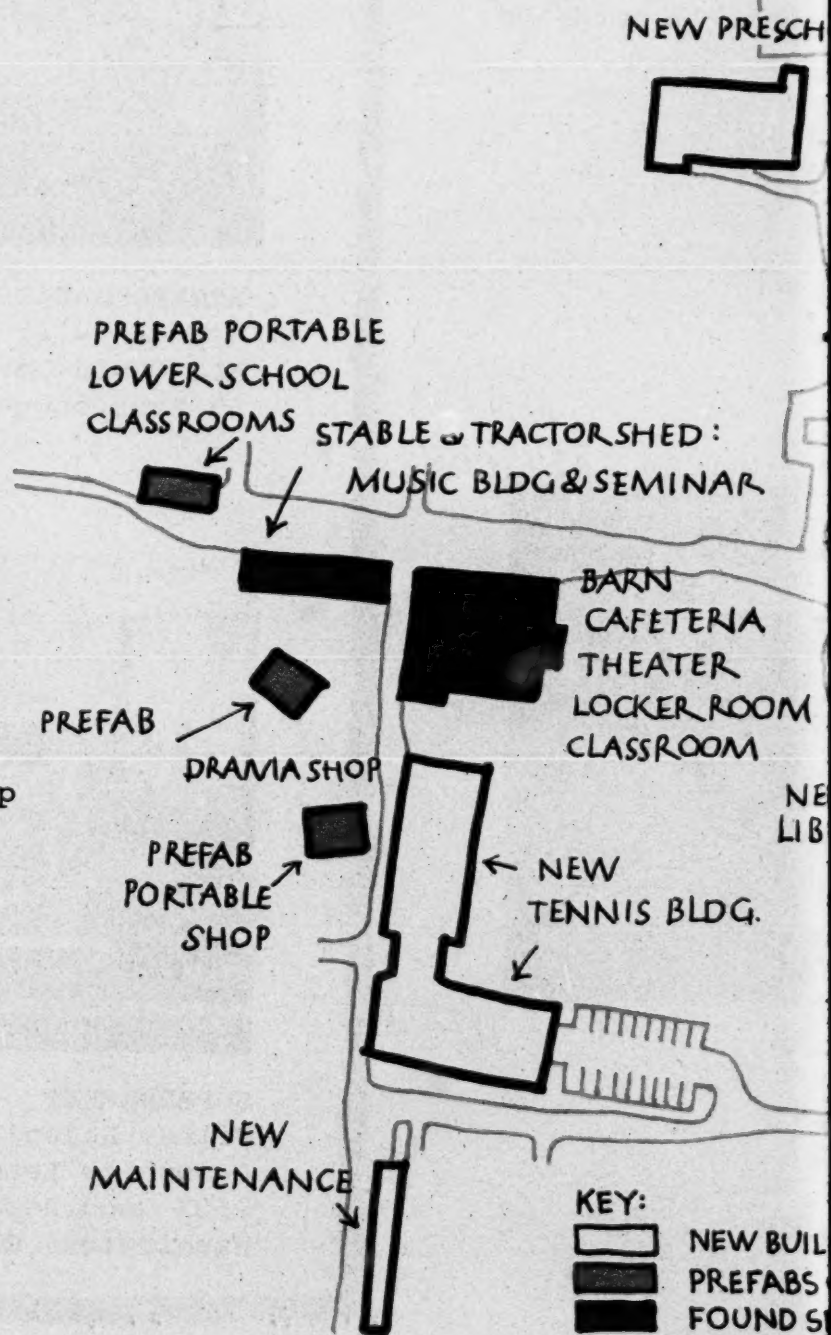
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Found Space for Elementary Schools

The Catlin Gabel School, a K-12 private school for 500 students, moved onto an entire farm just outside Portland, Ore., in 1958. The Honey Hollow Farm already had a number of farm buildings with spaces easily modified to suit the objectives of the prospective school. A tractor shed, for example, made an excellent seminar room, while a basement storage area was converted into an open plan arts and crafts assembly. The main house was an architectural gold mine with nuggets of found space along every hall. Studies were converted to office space, dining rooms turned into student centers, utility rooms were restored as lounges, and bedrooms became classrooms. Even the barn was regarded as potential school space; the architects designed a new roof beam so that the center columns could be removed. The resulting column-free area was converted into additional classrooms and a cafetorium - ideal for theater, eating and large group instruction.

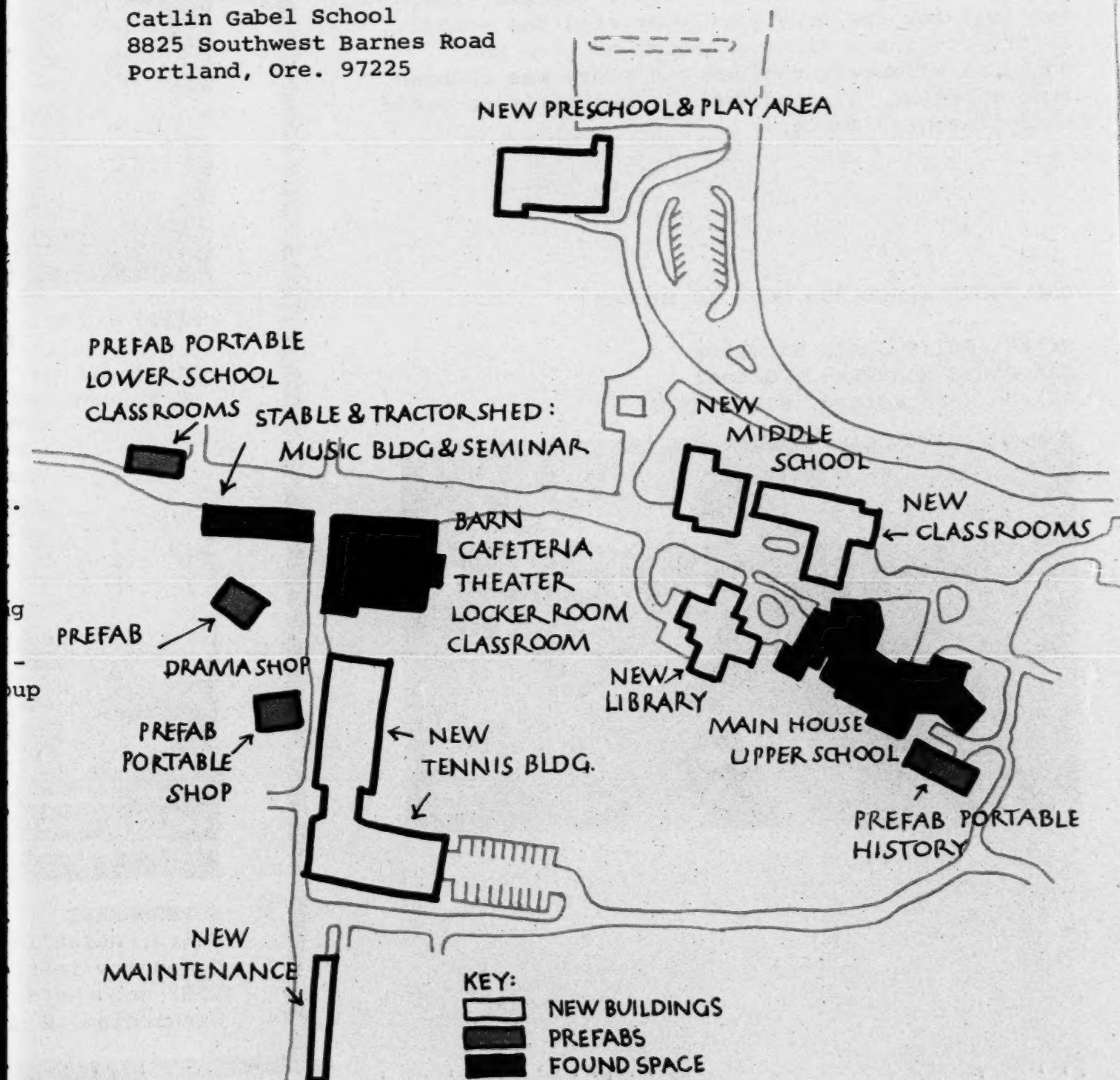
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Catlin Gabel School
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FOUND SPACE CAN BE MORE THAN ONE BUILDING --
THIS SCHOOL FOUND A WHOLE FARM

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CATERING HOUSE MAKES UNUSUAL SCHOOL

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Bronx, N.Y. 10453



The New York City Board of Education, ever pressed for space, found a catering establishment for rent in the Bronx. Usually, the landlord converts a space for the tenant and adds the charges onto the rent, but in this case, the school board decided not to change anything. They carpeted the ballroom and added lights, toilets, panic hardware (axes and fire extinguishers), and alarm and security devices, but these were insignificant compared to the usual costs of a conversion. Perhaps what they left is more important. The architecture was undisturbed, the vaulting (with chandeliers) was repainted, and even the bar remains intact -- it makes a unique art and storage table. A kit-of-parts of furniture* was developed so the design of classrooms could be handled with storage definers, seats, and teaching stations. In short, Burnside Manor is a school; but it's a school today in a space which could be a catering house again tomorrow.

*See: 4.FURNITURE, p.61



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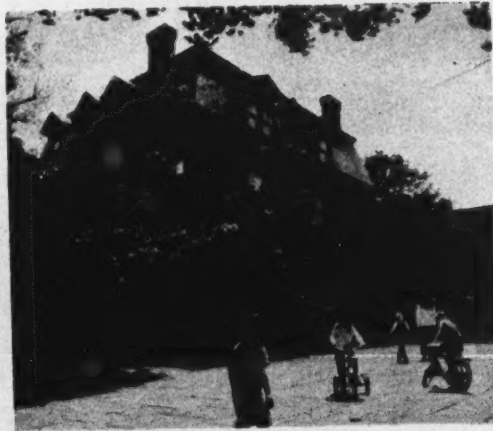


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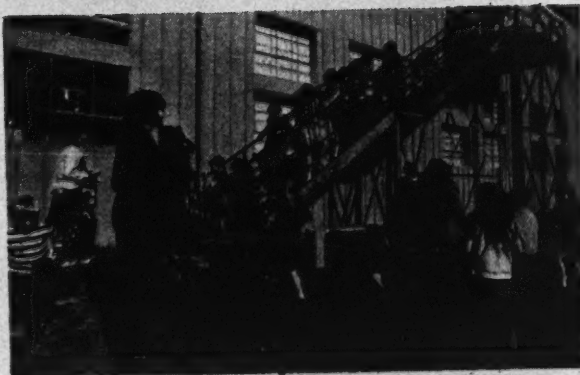
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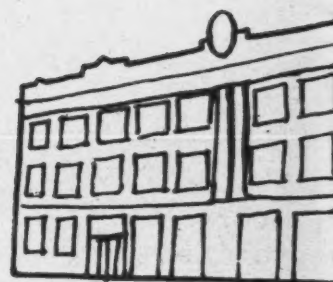


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Found Space for Secondary Education

Some of the better ideas in education (found space among them) are coming out of the Midwest. Parents in St. Paul, Minn., for example, saw the need for an alternative to conventional education. So they went to the board of education and asked for an alternative K-12 school. They leased a warehouse with three of its five floors already airconditioned, and enough space for 500 kids. Partially funded by the school district, the parents got together and renovated the building into an exciting series of spaces. Some school furniture donated by the district appeared out of place among the large assortment scrounged from the neighborhood. This made the directors realize that the design of a school is not a static but a dynamic thing needing continual change and constant rearrangement.

Write: Nancy Mason, Chairman
St. Paul Open School Alternatives, Inc.
931 Fairmount Avenue, St. Paul, Minn. 55105



Write: Albert Cunniff
Woodland Job Center
4966 Woodland Avenue
Cleveland, Ohio 44105

In Cleveland, the Board of Education leased 4½ acres of usable space in a building, called the Woodland Center, a youth training and vocational school. The building is available on all four floors. The Board of Education leases the building and hires the students for training and experience. The Ohio Bureau of Vocational Education has offices there, and the school can lease additional space. To join the program, the Woodland Center is a joint program operation with the community with the

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In Cleveland, the General Electric Company gave the Board of Education a four-story lamp factory with 4½ acres of usable floor space. The \$5-million building, called the Woodland Job Center, now houses a youth training program. An entire heavy industry vocational school occupies the large bay areas available on all four levels. In return, the Board of Education leases space to General Electric; GE then hires the students at minimum wages for on-the-job training and experience in its lamp production line. The Ohio Bureau of Employment Services also has its offices there, and the Board of Education hopes to lease additional space to other industries who want to join the program. In short, the Woodland Job Center is a joint use, joint maintenance, joint program operation which blends the resources of the community with the capability of industry.



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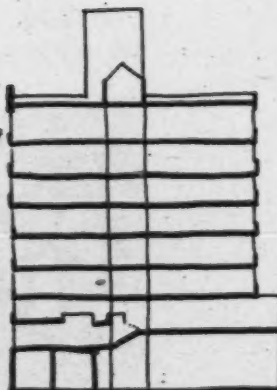
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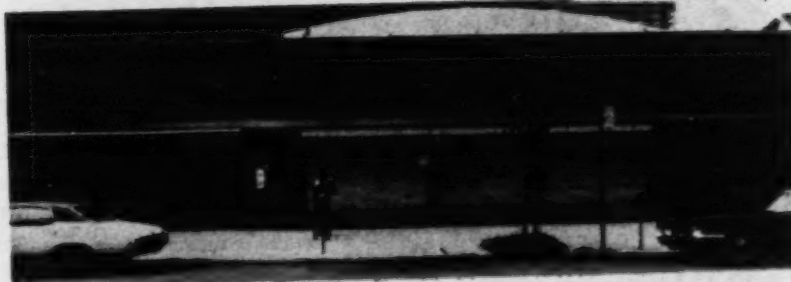
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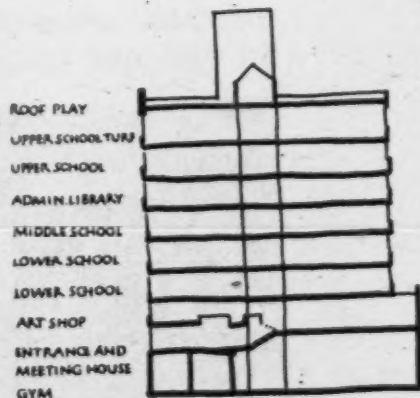
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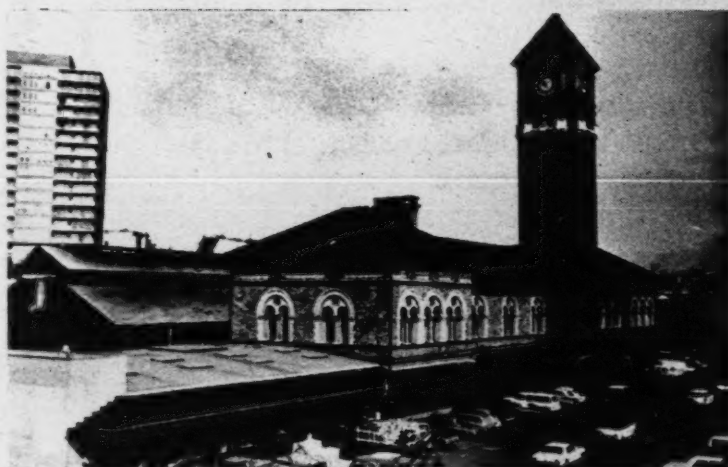
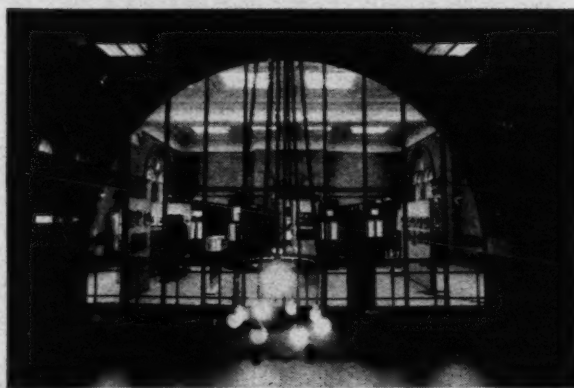
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

Found Space for the Special School

Found space is for everybody -- witness special schools which seem to be popping up with great frequency these days. The Maryland Institute College of Art put its sculpture and art studio into an abandoned train station. Railroad officials sold the station, its 3 3/4-acre site and air rights over the tracks for \$250,000, cheap even for found space. The architects did very little to the Renaissance exterior, and increased the building's area from 22,500 to 47,000 sq ft by adding a second floor at the balcony level and an addition at the rear. Total cost of renovation was \$600,000, including fees and furnishings.

**PRESERVE A 65-YEAR-OLD
LANDMARK -- TURN IT
INTO A SCHOOL**

Write: Eugene Leake, President
Maryland Institute
College of Art
1300 West Mount Royal Avenue
Baltimore, Md. 21217



Write: Joan Levin
Bay High School
805 Gilman Street
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Write: Joan Levinson, Director
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A free school in Berkeley found space for rent in a warehouse. With between 60 and 70 students and 12 teachers, Bay High School has an unusually independent economic base: students and teachers work to support and sell the school's products -- the sound system of Santana was made here. Curriculum is oriented to science and electronics, and the building was rehabilitated for auto body and repair shops, recording studios, cabinetry shops, classrooms and libraries. The kids are even building their own theater. Information on this one is available from the Education Switchboard run by the school: 415/526-0550.

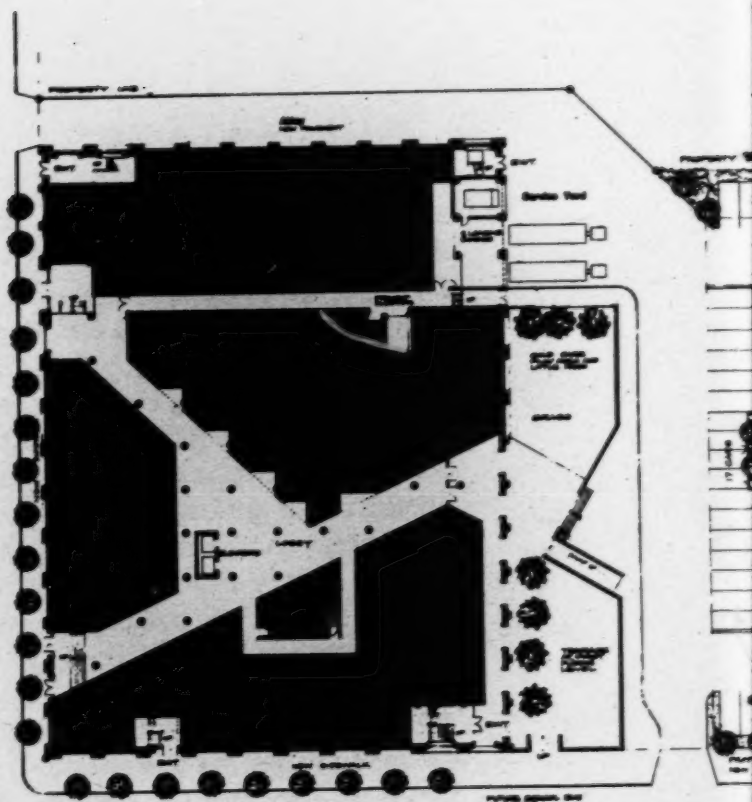
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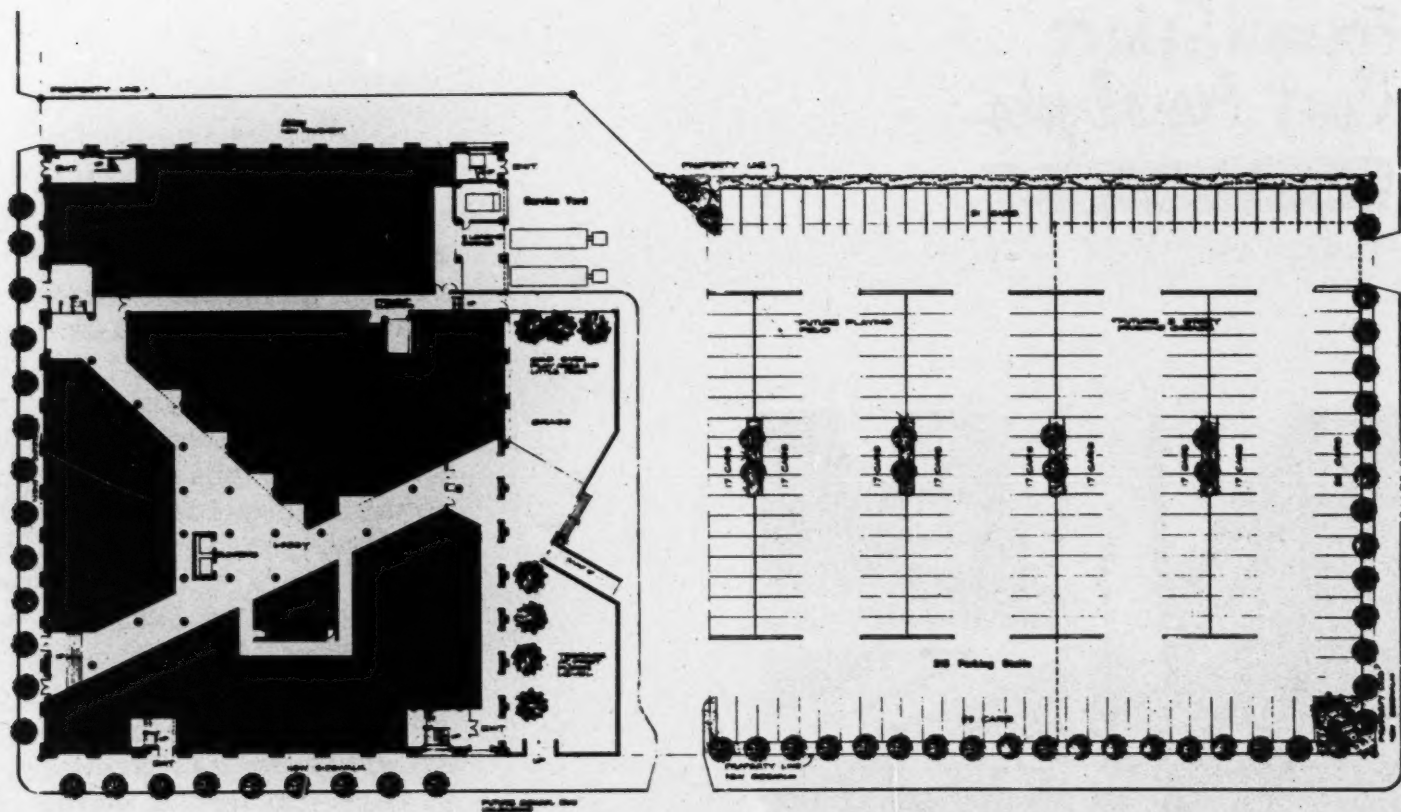
EARTHQUAKE-PROOF!

Write: George Rusteika
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Far West Laboratory for Educational
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Hotel Claremont
Berkeley, Calif. 94705

The Far West Laboratory for Educational Research and Development needed space and found it in an old warehouse in San Francisco. Partial structural and architectural renovation is now underway. Eventually, the building will have 300,000 gross sq ft of earthquake-proof, easily rentable space. As the Far West Lab needs only one-third of the space, other community-oriented programs may rent space in the building with a community group itself acting as the renting agent for the entire building. The San Francisco Board of Education, for example, is interested in putting an experimental community school in it; an alternative school called Opportunity Junior High is already on the site. An interesting mix of laboratories, schools and local agencies should result.



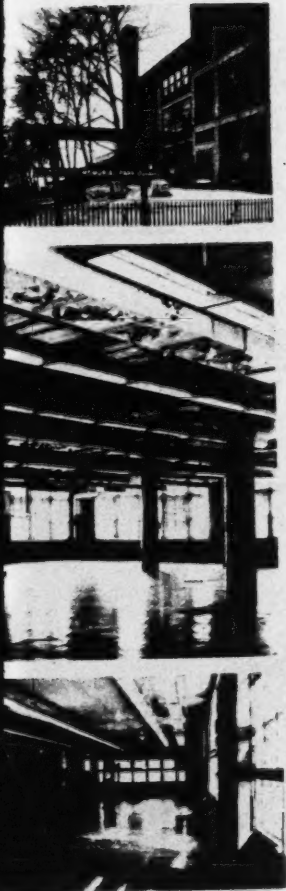
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Found Space Cost Analysis



Write: Glen Earthman
Executive Director, School Facilities
School District of Philadelphia
Parkway at 21st St., Room 903
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103



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The Olney High School Annex in Philadelphia is located in a former government testing laboratory. While planning the renovation of this building, the architects, engineers, and the staff of the School District of Philadelphia developed a simple numerical guide for estimating the cost advantages in a found space project. It works like this: if the exterior walls in your found building are about 70% acceptable, you multiply 70% by the average acceptability of walls in all schools, which is 10%, to get a value of 7%. After you do this for each of the building's systems (with an architect's or engineer's help), you simply add up the values to get what percent of the cost of an equivalent new school your found building represents. In this case, the testing laboratory was 55% of building a new plant. Therefore, 45% of the estimated new school cost can be spent refurbishing the found space to bring it up to current school standards. This computation does not include the purchase or lease cost of the found building which, of course, should not exceed the 55% cost figure.

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Roofing	3	100	3
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Ceilings	3	20	
Partitioning	9	10	
Wall Finishes	2	0	0
Fixed Equipment	5	0	0
Miscellaneous Items	4	0	0
Total	40%		11
Excavation & Substructure	5%	100%	5
Vertical Frame	2	100	2
Horizontal Frame	18	90	16
Total	25%		23
Heating, Ventilation & Airconditioning	20%	50%	10
Plumbing	5	75	3
Electrical	10	65	6
Total	35%		20
Total	100%	--	55

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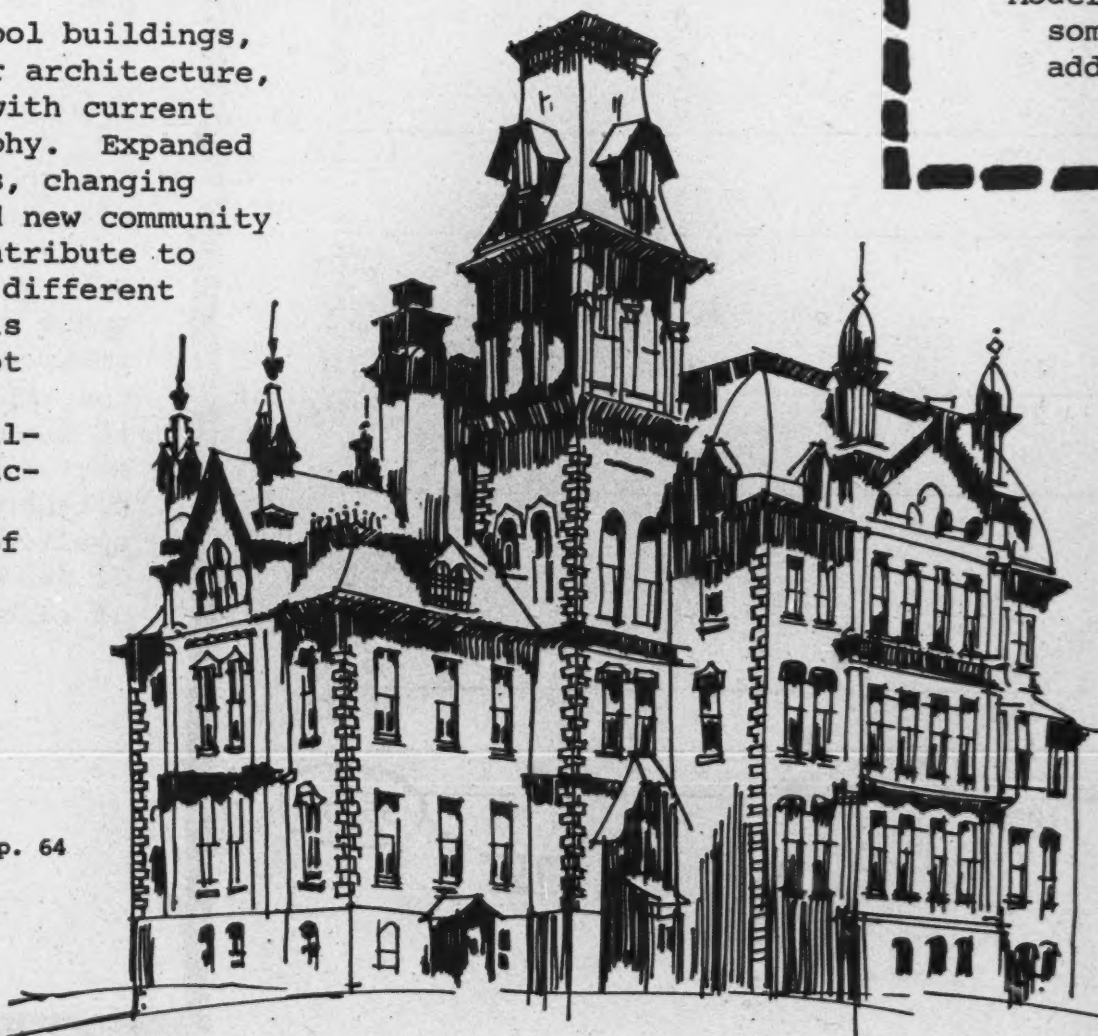
Found space is the judicious use of society's unwanted architecture. It often carries an additional bonus for the user, since it can be leased on a "pay-as-you-go" plan with funds from an operating budget instead of from capital expenditures. Found space can be acquired fast, too. More often than not, it is only a matter of months between finding an old building and moving into it. But the process of planning and constructing a new building can take years. Found space is relatively inexpensive; it recycles the urban environment; it shoots life and activity into old neighborhoods; and it is applicable to a variety of needs for a variety of clients.

2. MODERNIZATION

The word "rehabilitation" usually means a paint-up, clean-up, fix-up job which results in a building that is as good as the day it opened. Unfortunately, the way a school was designed yesterday is not good enough to accommodate today's changing standards to tomorrow's changing needs. Therefore, we will use the word "modernization" because it expresses something more than rehabilitation. In this report, modernization denotes the process which preserves all that is good in old schools while, at the same time, adding to and altering them to fit modern requirements and future needs.

The majority of school buildings, regardless of age or architecture, are not compatible with current educational philosophy. Expanded educational programs, changing teaching methods and new community involvement* all contribute to a need for more and different kinds of space. This need, however, is not in keeping with the amount of money available for new construction. Therefore, increasing numbers of school districts are recycling old school buildings -- giving them a new lease on life through modernization.

* See: 5.COMMUNITY/SCHOOL, p. 64



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Definition of Terms

Remodeling - a change in structure.

Rehabilitation - general overhauling
of the complete building or a major
section of it to improve its use.

Modernization - some remodeling and
some rehabilitation, often involving
additional construction.

The Changing Need for Space

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Additions to original building



Interior modification of existing building



There are many different ways of adding space to an old building, and most modernization projects include some kind of new construction. Typical "finger-plan" buildings (brown) are often filled between the wings of their double-loaded corridors (halls with classrooms on both sides) or given a new face with a wrap-around addition. Additions to old school buildings, however, ultimately change the character and the function of older, adjacent spaces. Circulation patterns, the relationship of educational space to storage and service, the provision of "wet" space and toilets require a close look at the old construction as a supplement or adjunct to the addition. In essence, a modernization project means that users and architects alike have to regard a building and its addition as a single continuous space -- not as a series of individual, loosely connected areas.

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SPACES NEEDED, BUT NOT OFTEN FOUND, IN OLD BUILDINGS

Professional facilities for the faculty: team planning areas, office space, clerical space, work-rooms, professional development libraries, etc.

Faculty dining rooms

Student conference areas

Guidance and pupil services

Spaces for large group instruction

Spaces for instructional media

Library-resource centers

Science facilities

Art studios

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Individual study spaces

Storage spaces

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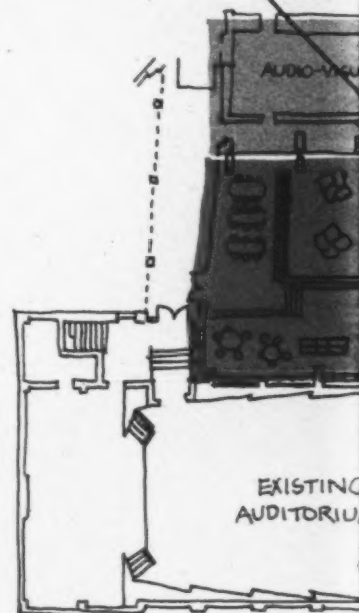
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One method of fulfilling the need for space is to modernize an underused element of an existing school. Gymnasiums, cafeterias, corridors, auditoriums and storage spaces are natural targets for conversion into more efficient spaces. For example, change in the educational program in the 40-year-old University City (Missouri) High School called for the addition of a centrally located Learning Resource Center. The architect determined that the school's little-used, four-story open court would be the ideal location, if the courtyard were roofed over at the third-floor level and the former exterior walls removed. The result was a large, two-level study area around which the various auxiliary elements could be easily grouped. Thinking of "space" not "spaces," the design called for the removal of partitions from three existing classrooms to create reference rooms, audio-visual areas and the circulation desk. The two levels are connected by a slightly tapered open stairway designed to give students entering the main reading area an immediate sense that the library is the real center of the school -- the place where things are happening.*

* See also Resource Centers



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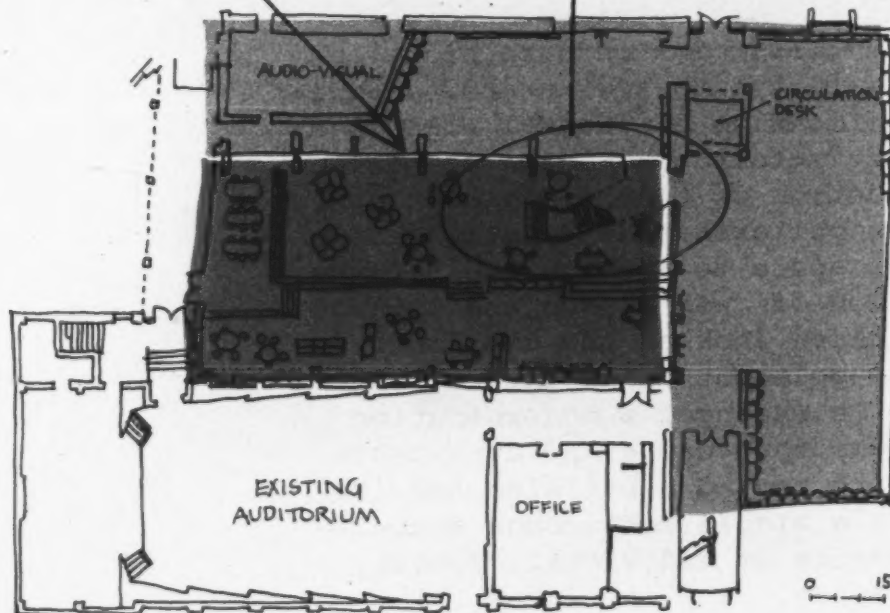
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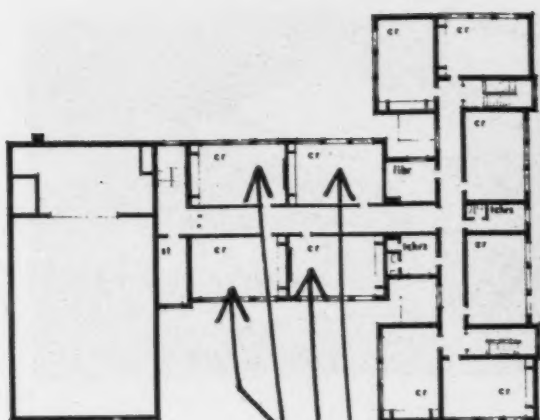
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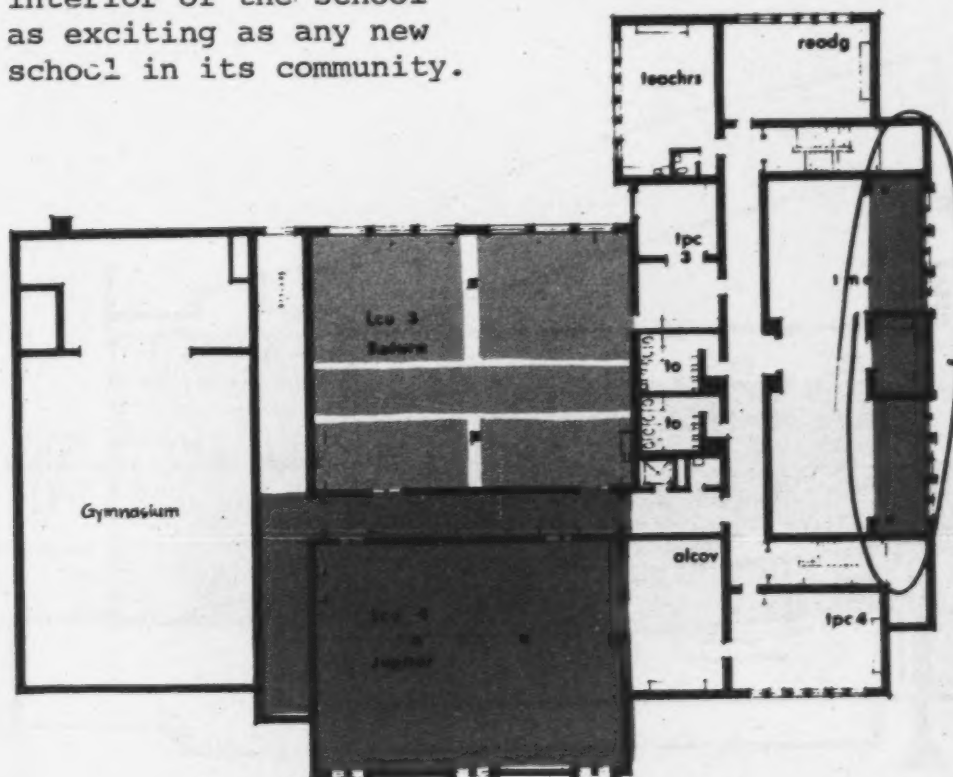


University City High School's new resource center has a capacity of 400 students with the possibility of increasing this to 600 in the future by removing one wall to open rooms now being used for classrooms.

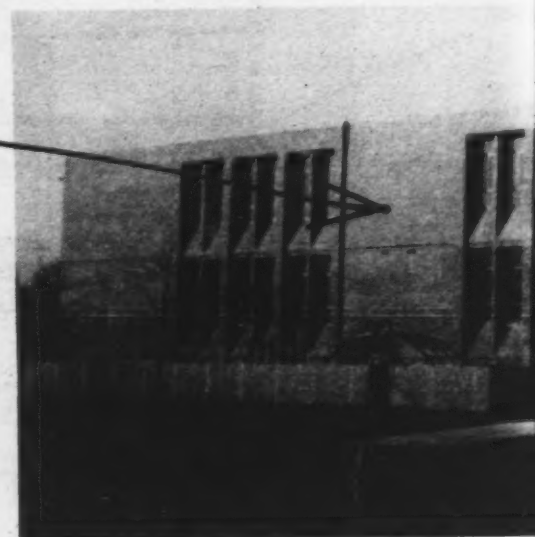




Another economical method to gain space is the capture of space already partially enclosed by the wings of a building. "Finger-plan" schools with multiple wings of single- or double-loaded corridors are often modernized in this manner, but with intelligent design, other types of schools can also be filled in. The Spring Glen School in Hamden, Conn., filled in the 3-story space between classrooms and the gymnasium. The open plan addition was also coordinated with an interior modification program which knocked out the walls of four existing classrooms on each floor to gain an additional 800 sq ft of open plan learning space. An addition at the entrance of the building also changed traditional classrooms to open learning centers and makes the entire interior of the school as exciting as any new school in its community.

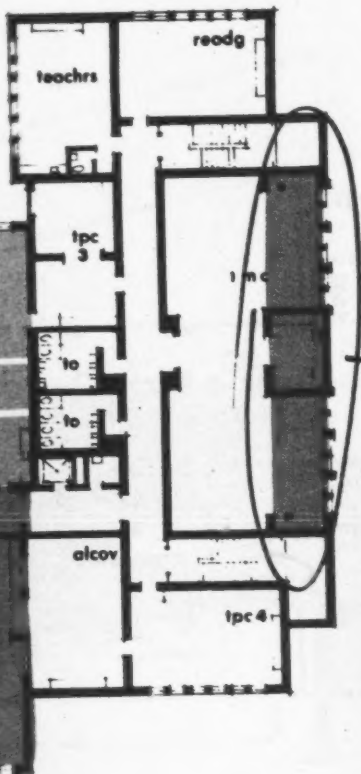


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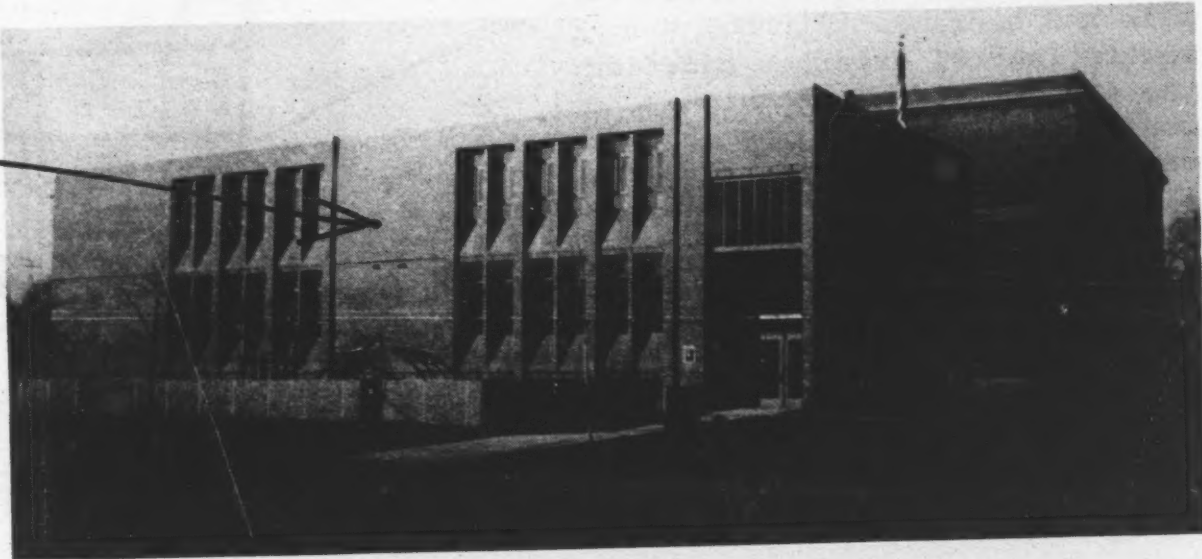




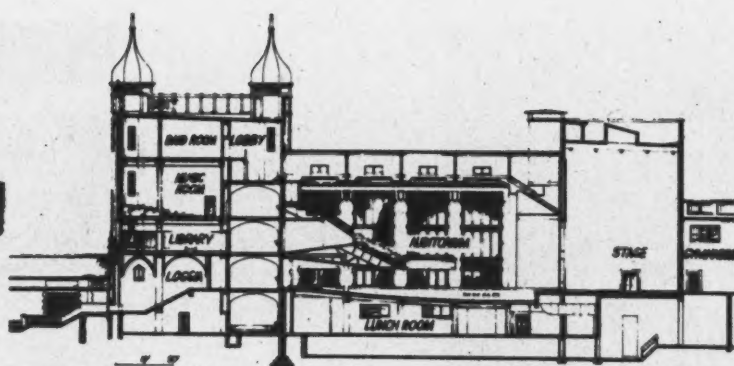
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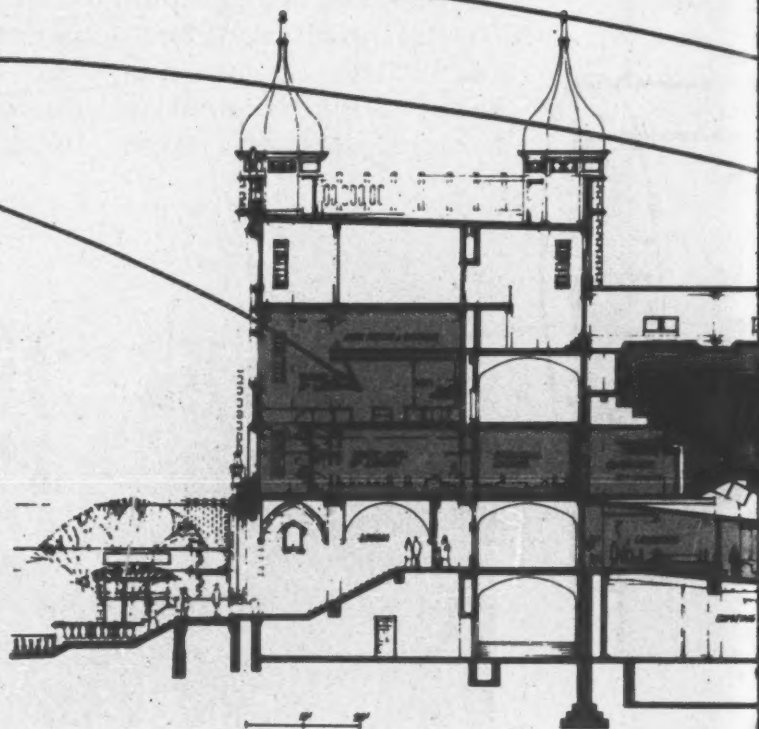
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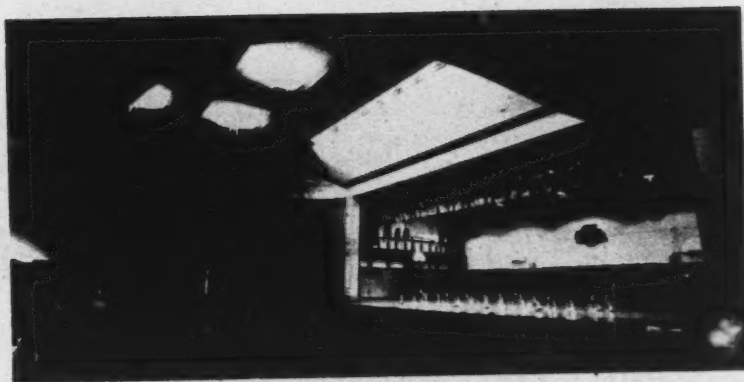
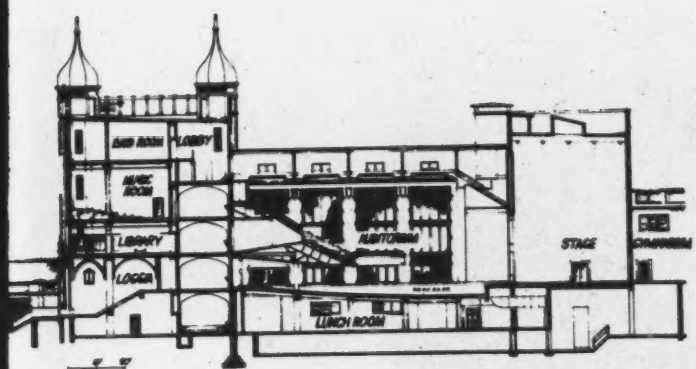


The Changing Need for Space



When there is neither ground space to build on nor open areas between wings, space can also be captured within a building by constructing an extra floor inside a large room. This method normally applies to old school buildings with high interiors, but could also be used in large-volume spaces, such as gymnasiums, that are under-used. One such school, the Roosevelt High School in St. Louis, Mo., planned a complete new life for its 2,104-seat, 42-ft-high auditorium. A bold design proposal advocated dividing the auditorium horizontally at balcony height. The balcony area was to become the new auditorium, while the space underneath would become a commons area and large group instruction rooms. The plan also reallocated space in the remaining sections of the building in order to expand overcrowded areas and use space more efficiently. For example, the huge 55-ft flyloft of the original stage was to be divided into three levels: the lower a gymnasium, the upper 3,200 sq ft for future development, and the center, a music room. The vacated space would become the upper level of the library, which would have been subdivided for book repair and storage. Without a single square foot of exterior addition, the 42-year-old gothic high school would have increased its student capacity by 480 places, turned a little-used but handsome auditorium into a highly active group of spaces and retained the dignity of an architectural classic. The district's financial difficulties were so pressing that the plan was not built, even though estimates indicated that modernization would cost less than half the amount of an equivalent new addition.



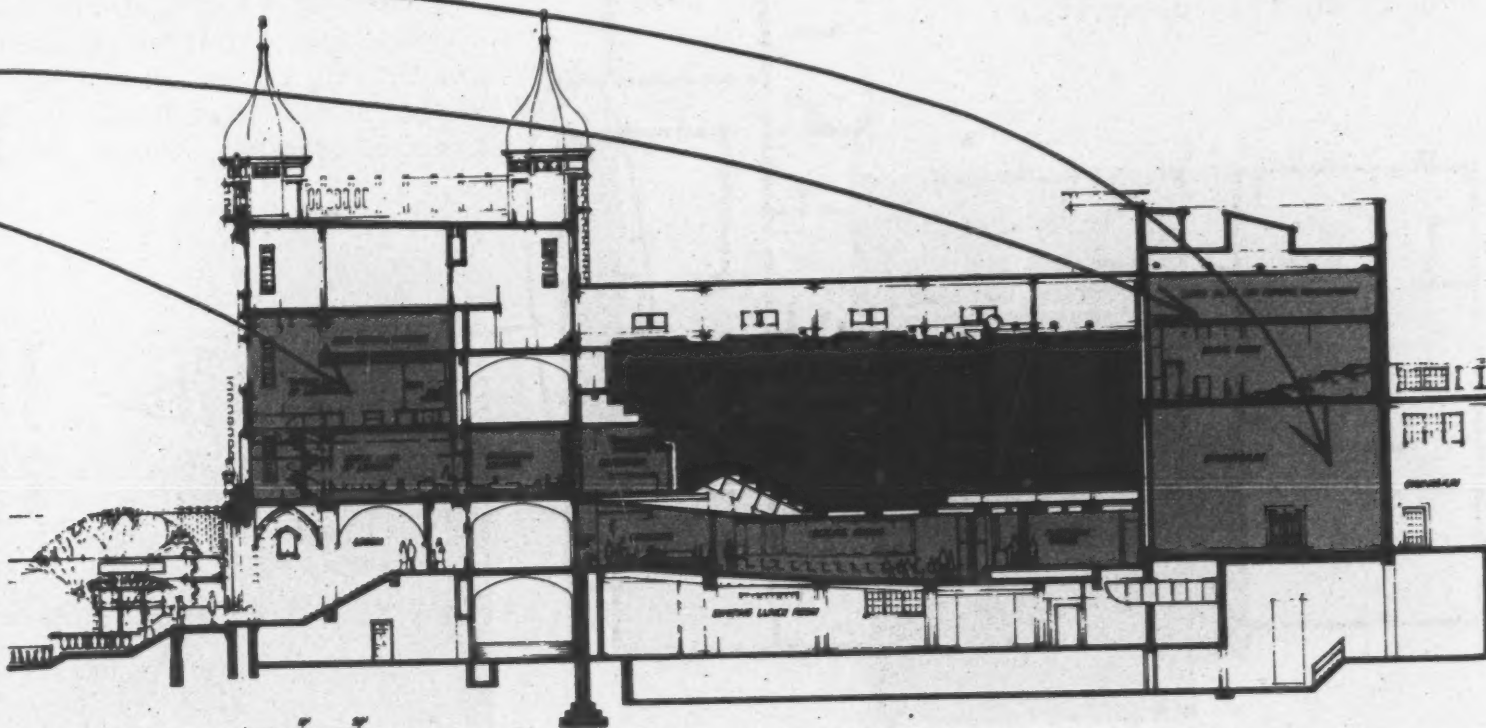


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Although not yet a reality, the Roosevelt
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When a district abandons one type of school, for example a high school, it can gain space by modernizing the building to fit the needs and spatial requirements of another type, such as an elementary school.* Schools are often abandoned because the space available on the site and in the building is far too small to modernize for programs and enrollments. Very often, however, those same buildings may be just the right size for another age group. The main advantage of this sort of modernization is that the empty school can be converted before the new school students move in. In Lansing, Mich., the Old Central High School, located in a downtown area where its student population had left, was converted into a business and technology building, the first of several facilities on the new campus of Lansing Community College. While the remodeling included extensive new construction in the form of wrap-around additions, large portions of the building were modified and converted for the building trades department. An old gymnasium with a running track at the balcony level was converted into a library on the lower floor and the running track became study cubicles. Many other school districts (Portland, Ore., and Montclair, N. J.) are also taking a close look at the feasibility of conversions. In Chalmers, Ind., the Frontier School Corporation is renovating a high school into a K-4 elementary school for less than a third of the time and money needed to build a new one. Write: Dale T. Sheets, Superintendent, Frontier School Corporation, Chalmers, Ind. 47929.



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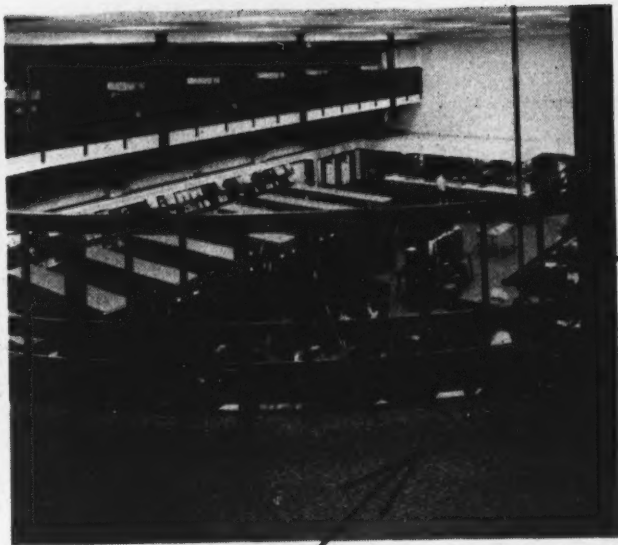
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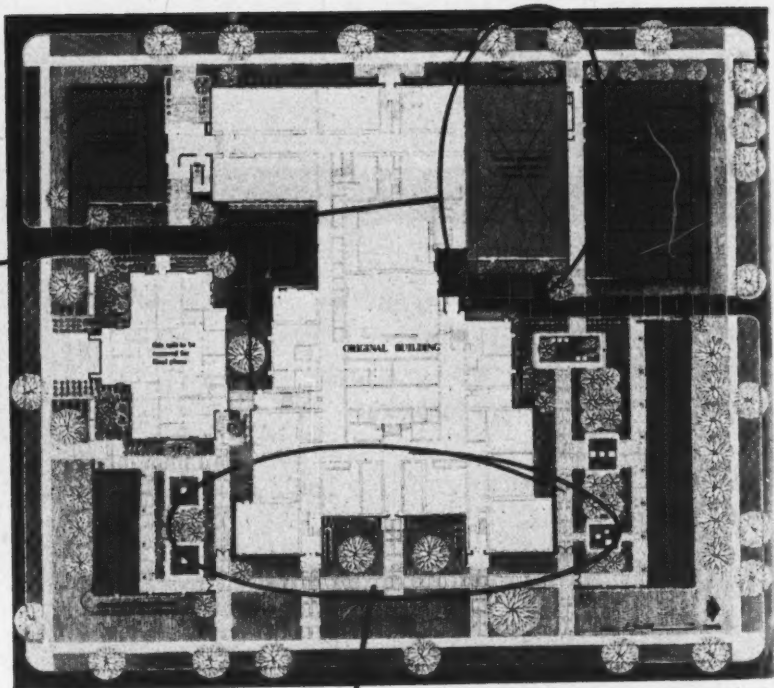
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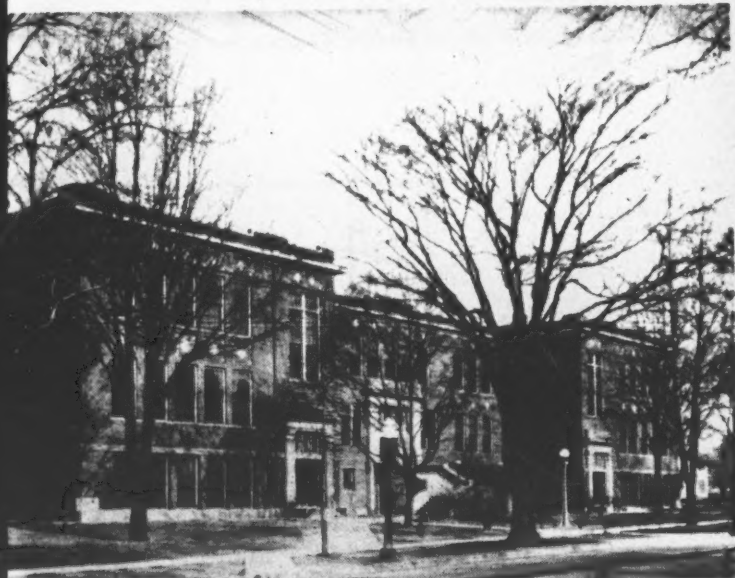
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Lansing Community College purchased the former high school from the Lansing School District for \$600,000. The conversion made it possible for the college to continue program and enrollment expansion before the finish of new construction. Write: Philip J. Gannon, President, Lansing Community College, 419 North Capitol Avenue, Lansing, Mich. 48914



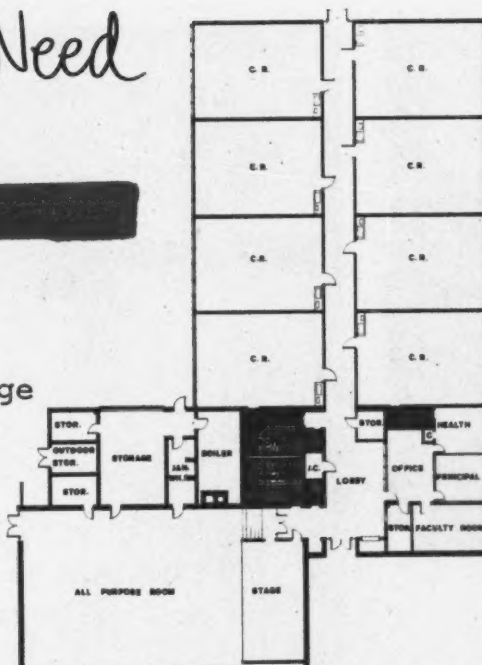
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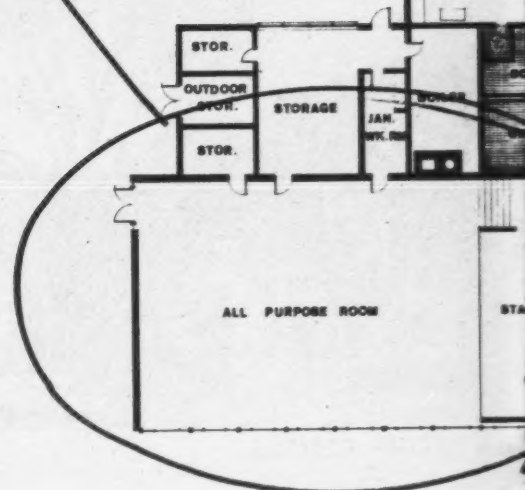
Schools can also gain space by opening up existing areas to change traditional classrooms into open plan. Generally, when modernization moves to open plan, space that was originally allocated to corridors, walls, and corners becomes useful instructional area and so increases the amount of usable space. When the Seymour Elementary School in East Granby, Conn., needed space for 175 additional pupils, it built the equivalent area of four new classrooms onto the west side of a double-loaded corridor. Through modernization of the entire interior of the original eight classrooms, the design was able to change 3,400 sq ft of traditional classroom space into 4,479 sq ft of open plan space, a net gain of 1,079 sq ft of "free" space once used only as corridors and walls. By remodeling the school during school hours, school officials report that the construction was turned to advantage by using it as a class learning experience. During construction, half the pupils at a time were housed in the original all-purpose room, which enabled the staff to try out the open plan concepts before moving into the new quarters.

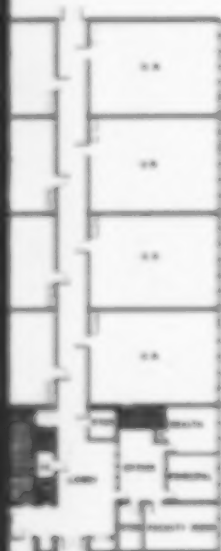


ORIGINAL SEYMOUR SCHOOL

Modernization of the R. D. Seymour Elementary school incorporated 7,100 sq ft of addition (GREY) with rehabilitation of traditional classroom area. The gain of "free" space (BROWN) increased the ratio of net usable area to gross square feet by 41%.

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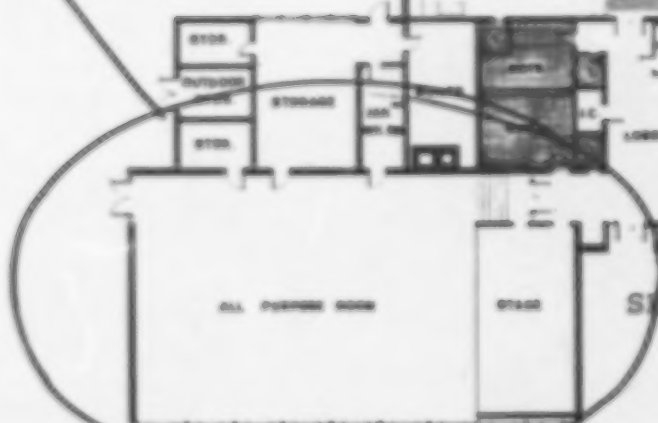
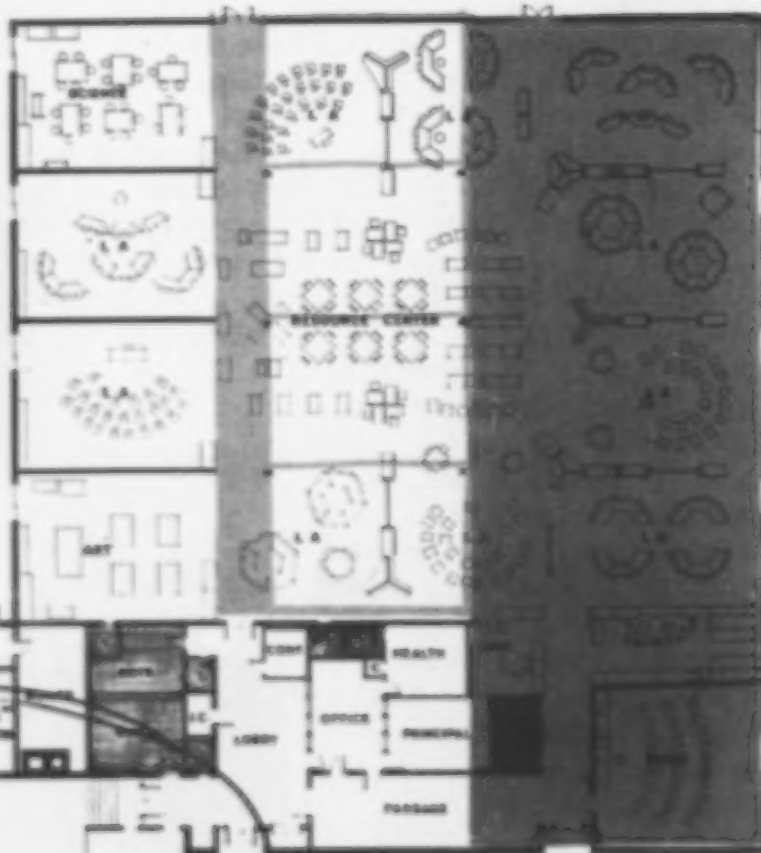


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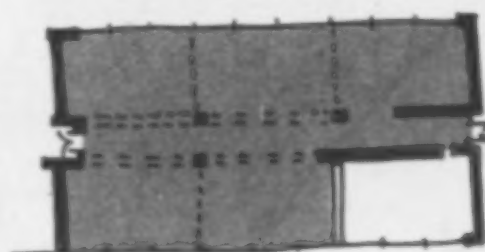
SEYMOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
WITH ALTERATIONS
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The foregoing examples show that the real foundation of a modernization program is not simply to tack on space to an old building but to upgrade use of the existing space adjacent to the addition. While many schools built before World War II still exist, countless more were constructed in the double-loaded corridor pattern popular after the 1940's. So it would seem that it is not the really old schools but the ubiquitous "old-new" schools that get in the way of dynamic modernization proposals. Educators and school planners maintain that self-contained classrooms limit the vitality and mobility of modern educational techniques. Therefore, designers seek to restructure the typical elementary and secondary school class of 30 to 35 students into variable groupings to broaden their learning experience.

Want to break the box? There are several ways to make constrictive space more exciting. Methods range from the ideal of removing all interior obstructions (which is expensive) to finding alternative uses for existing structures.

Perhaps the most desirable change in the double-loaded corridor plan is to open the space entirely. This, however, requires the construction of new columns and beams to replace the load-bearing walls, often an expensive alternative. A relatively inexpensive example is the Will Rogers Elementary School.

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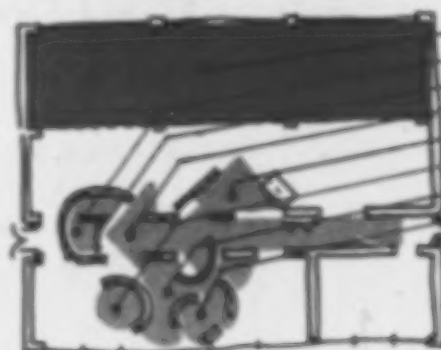


LOAD BEARING WALLS AND BEAMS REPLACED

PARTITION WALLS REMOVED

If an addition (GREY) is added to a school building, the existing exterior wall can be removed to create an open space between the new and old buildings. The original loadbearing corridor walls can be left and the corridor used as a resource center (BROWN). Arroyo Elementary School followed this approach.

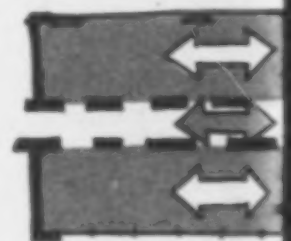
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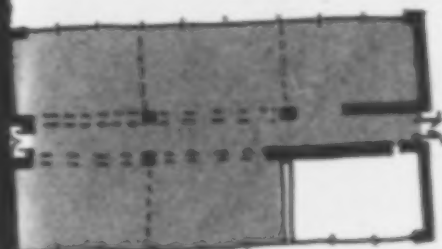


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Perhaps the most desirable change in the double-loaded corridor plan is to open the space entirely. This, however, requires the construction of new columns and beams to replace the load-bearing walls, often an expensive alternative. A relatively inexpensive example is the Will Rogers Elementary School.

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830 Richmond Avenue
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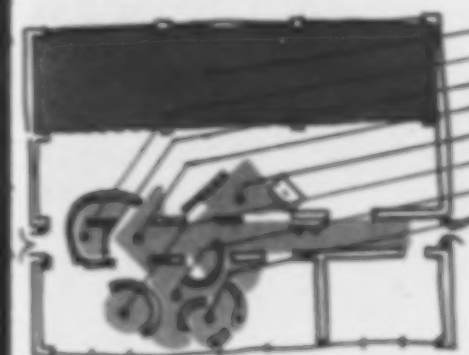


LOAD BEARING WALLS
AND BEAMS REPLACED

PARTITION WALLS
REMOVED

If an addition (GREY) is added to a school building, the existing exterior wall can be removed to create an open space between the new and old buildings. The original loadbearing corridor walls can be left and the corridor used as a resource center (BROWN). Arroyo Elementary School followed this approach.

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Superintendent
Tustin Elementary School
300 South "C" Street
Tustin, Calif. 92680

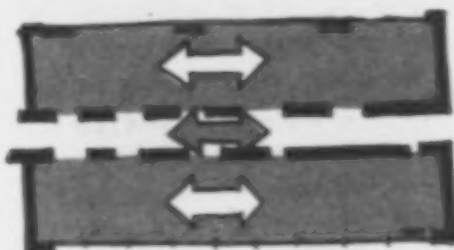


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Tearing out partitions while retaining the loadbearing structure is a far less expensive method of modifying a double-loaded corridor plan. The former corridor can become a special purpose area. Although the spaces become very linear, they can be made flexible through proper architectural treatment. Eastridge Elementary School followed this plan.

Write: Edward C. Pino
Superintendent
Cherry Creek Schools
4700 South Yosemite Street
Englewood, Colo. 80110



Retaining one classroom and removing all other non-loadbearing partitions makes fuller use of the remaining corridor as an audio-visual resource center. A screen with the proper furniture and equipment can turn a 10-ft wide corridor into an exciting and useful access area (BROWN).

See: 4. FURNITURE, p. 48
See also Resource Centers



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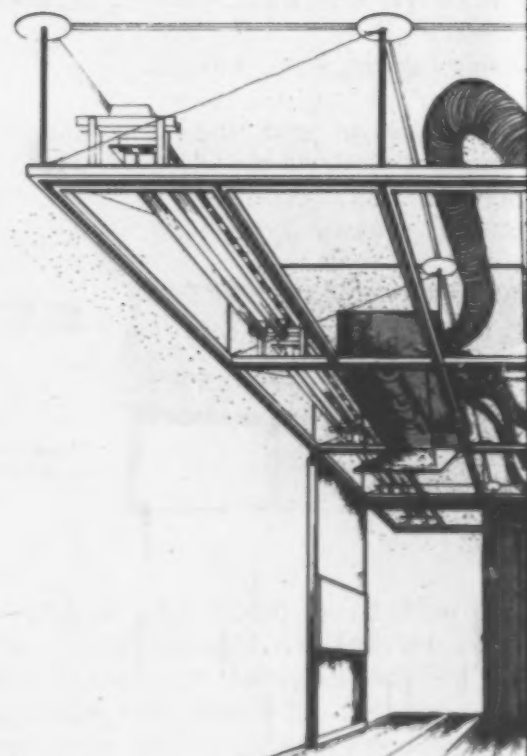
The Cost of Modernization

It is almost impossible to say precisely what a modernization project will or should cost...there are just too many variables. Community support, for example, is a variable that can either make or break almost any proposal. The significance of history or antiquity in a landmark building is of increasing emotional importance and is also without a price tag. The cost of some modernization projects are combined with other considerations, such as meeting earthquake safety codes in San Francisco. A commonly used rule-of-thumb states that if modernization cost exceeds 50% of the cost of replacing the building, the project should be reconsidered.* However, enrollment pressure or double sessions often force districts to exceed this rough formula.

* See: 1.FOUND SPACE, p. 15

Modernization in the Future

There are some promising new developments in store for people with old buildings. Basically, it can be expected that the renewal of old school buildings will go in two directions. The development of modernization on a large scale, district-wide for example, is one. The other is systems, i.e., application of the components of systems building to revitalize old spaces.



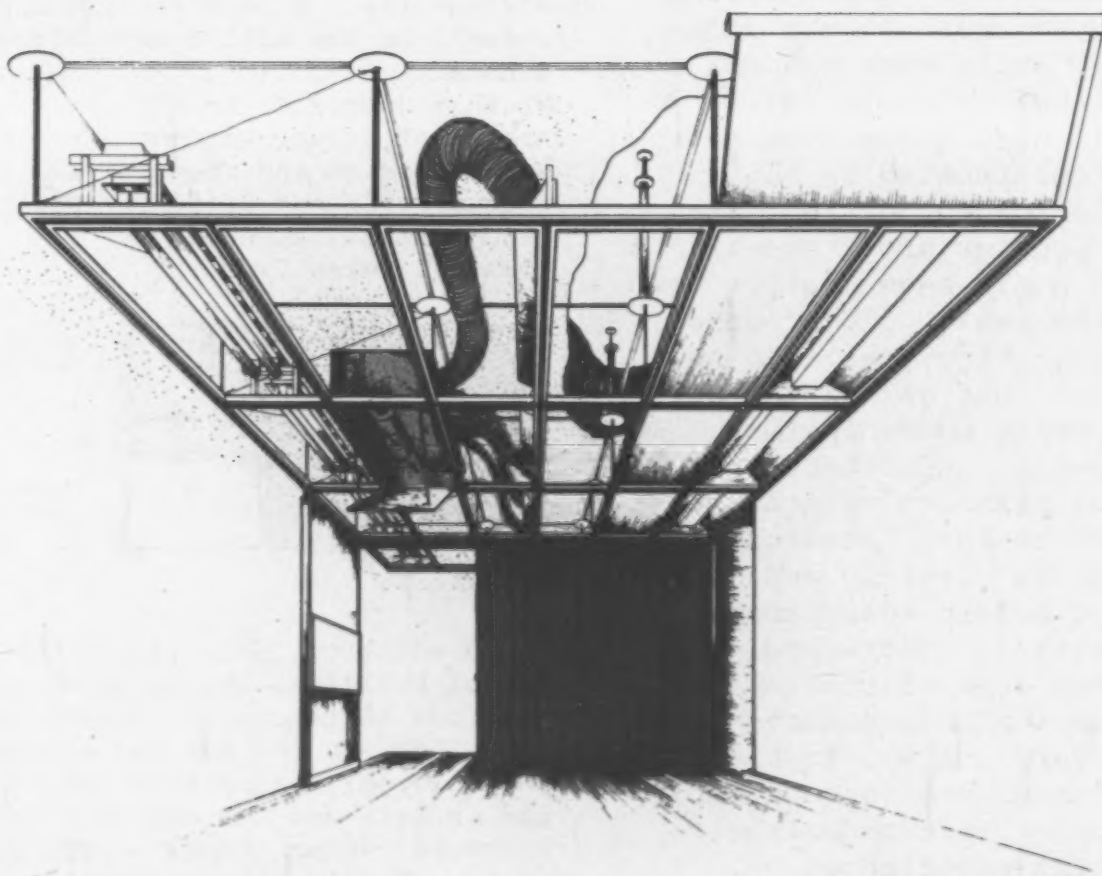
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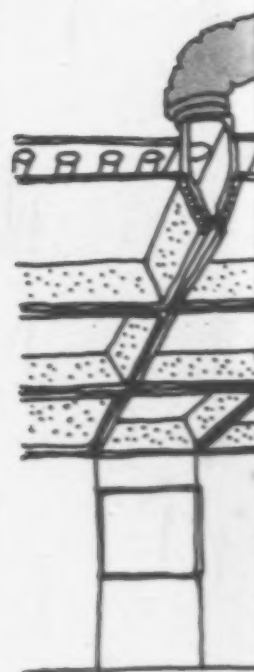
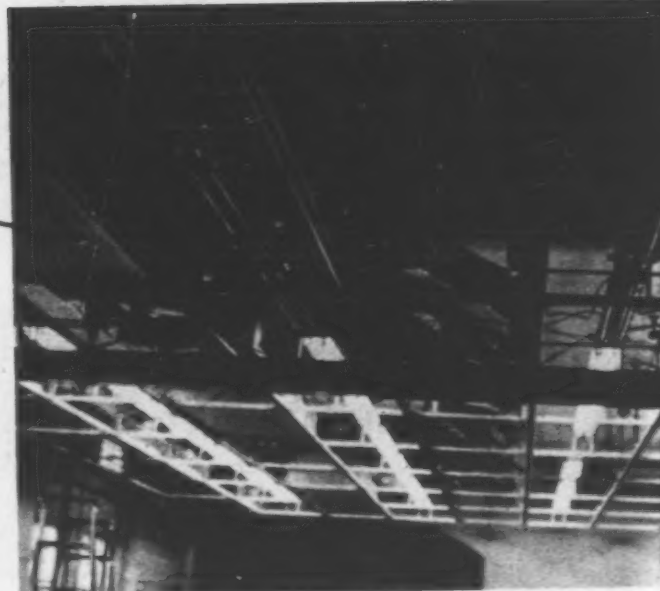
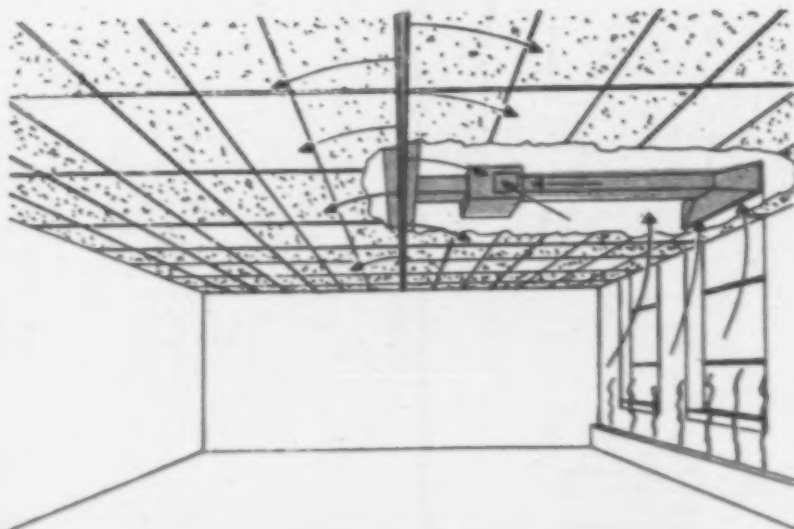
SYSTEMS

The building systems approach to school modernization uses components that are designed to fit together.* Modernization systems are basically a suspended ceiling with integrated lighting and airconditioning. These components can also be designed to provide support for partitions on a grid pattern and provide access for electronics communications equipment. At this writing, few school modernization systems have been installed, but bids have been taken for a project in San Francisco. Manufacturers of these systems offer an installed price for the complete package. Installation can be made room by room, floor by floor, or for the entire building. For information on systems modernization techniques, write: John Boice, Director, BSIC/EFL, 3000 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, Calif. 94025

* See also Systems Building

CEILING/LIGHTING AND AIRCONDITIONING (BROWN).
THE HAWTHORNE SCHOOL

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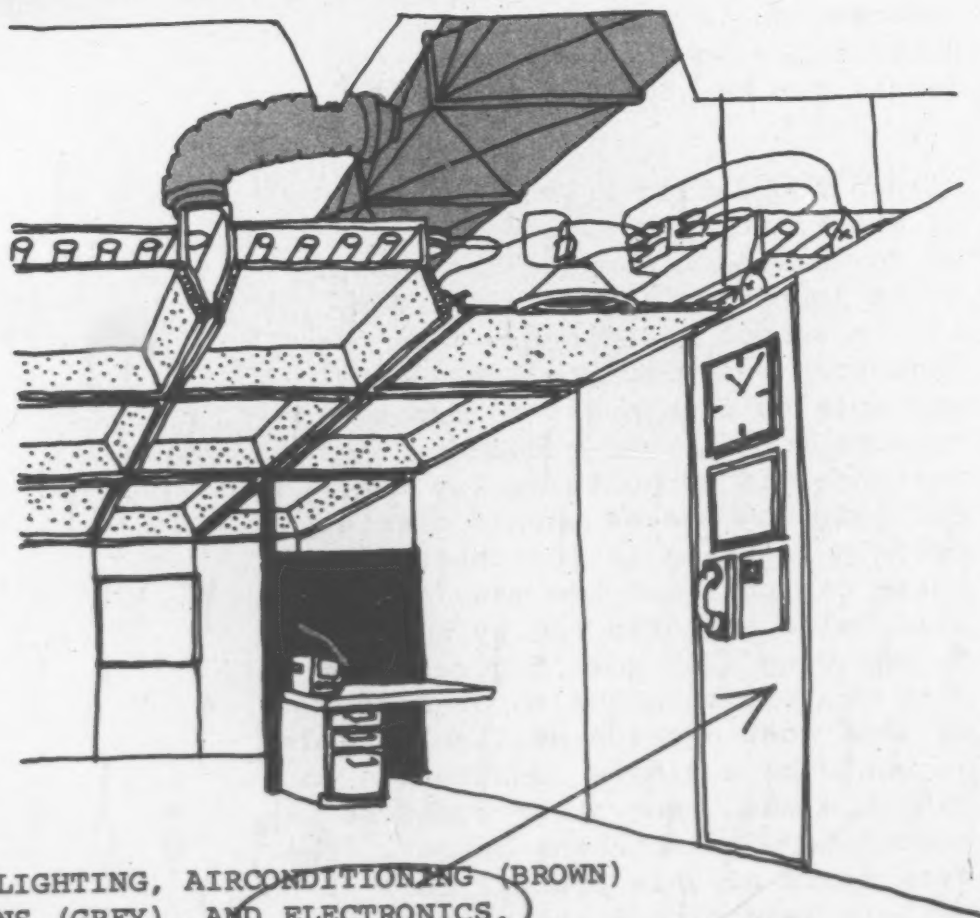
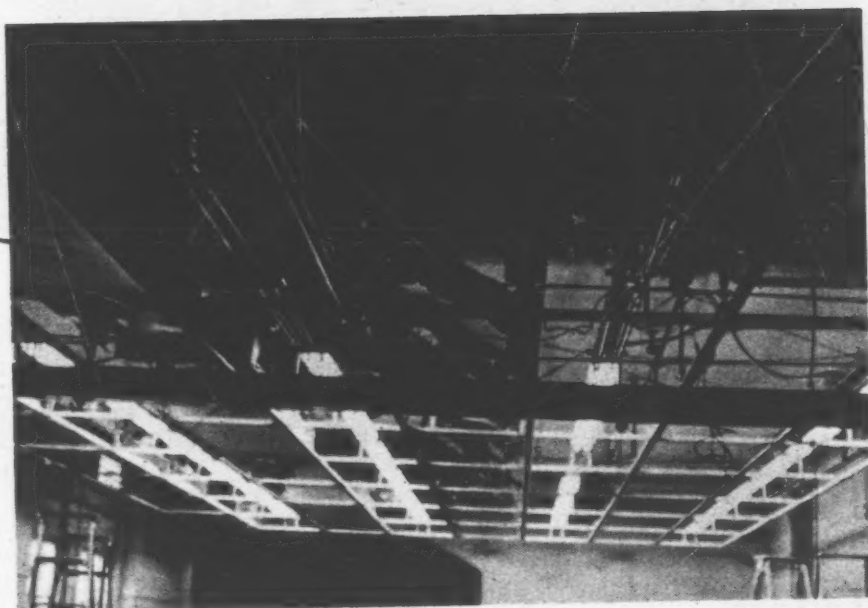
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Modernization in the Future

LARGE-SCALE MODERNIZATION PROGRAMS

Not all modernization programs are confined to single schools; sometimes a school district needs to update several or all of its buildings. In these circumstances it is prudent to survey all the spaces so that the budget can be allocated in the most economical way. However, a district-wide survey becomes more manageable if the information is stored on computer tapes so that any small detail can be recalled instantly.

With a foundation grant, the city of San Francisco developed a method for making a Computerized Facilities Inventory (C.F.I. in brown) of its school buildings. When the inventory was completed, the city was able to figure its modernization options for any given budget. For instance, if consultants say that all learning spaces should have a certain lighting level, the computer can call out how many spaces fall below standard and by how much. By applying unit cost figures, the city can estimate the total cost. If that cost exceeds available funds, it would be a simple computation to find how much renovation could be accomplished within the budget. The developers of this process call it Deficit Reduction Planning Procedures.*

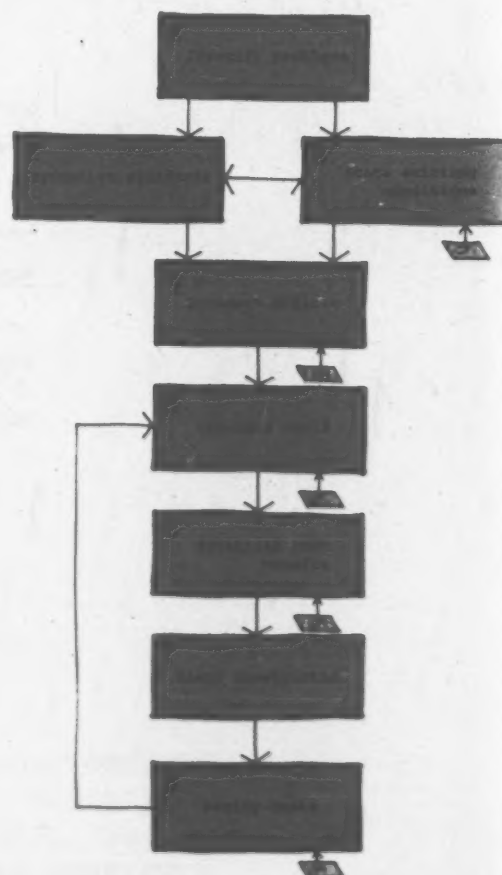
* See: 7. PLANNING/PROCEDURES, p. 100

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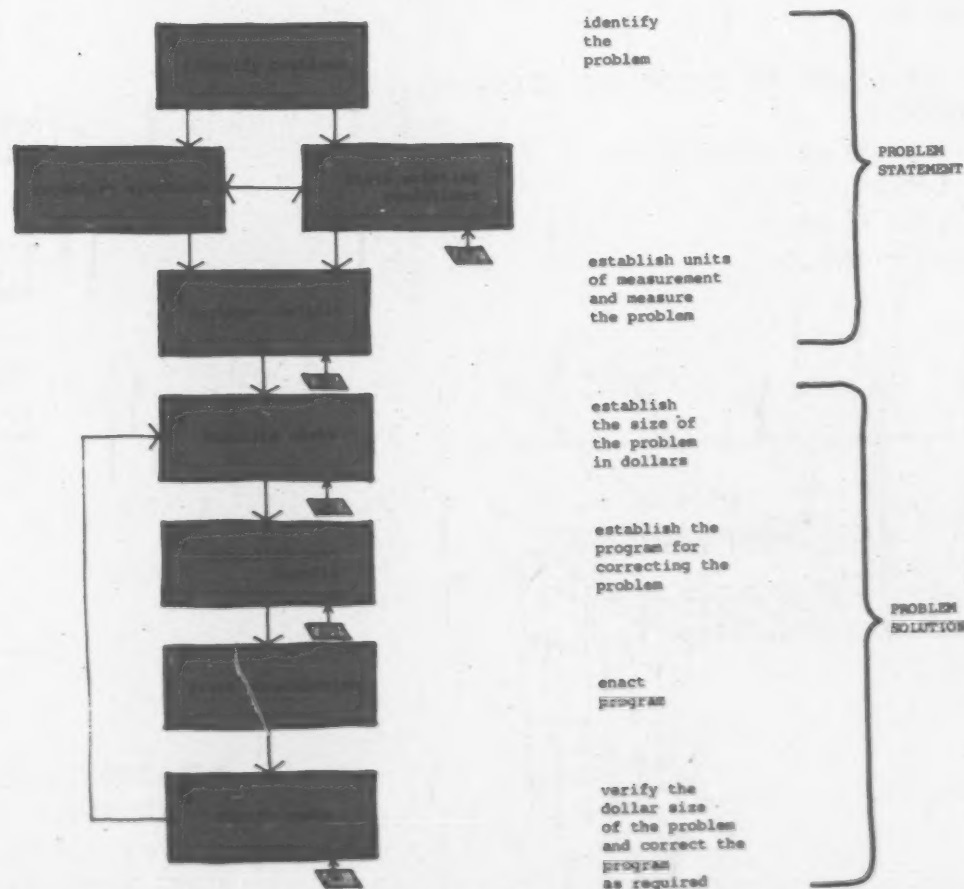


San Francisco has started a large-scale systematic renovation program using a methodology called the Deficit Reduction Process. It takes eight steps, including computer assistance, to state and solve a problem.

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4. Document resulting deficit.
5. Tabulate the cost of corrective action.
6. Complete cost benefit tables.
7. Initiate specific projects.
8. Analyze the cost of these projects and recycle into the cost benefit tables so that program budgeting can be evaluated.

Write: Phillip Cali, Director of Facilities Planning and Construction, San Francisco Unified School District, 135 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, Calif. 94102

DEFICIT REDUCTION PLANNING PROCESS



San Francisco has also prepared for a city-wide modernization program by installing a prototype in a two-room space in the Le Conte School. This model differs from traditional remodeling projects, because a package of components and equipment was installed by a group of manufacturers which guarantees the total performance of the package. The components can, of course, be bought separately -- airconditioning, partitions, lighting, etc. -- but when bid together as a system, the architect knows exactly what the installed price will be.

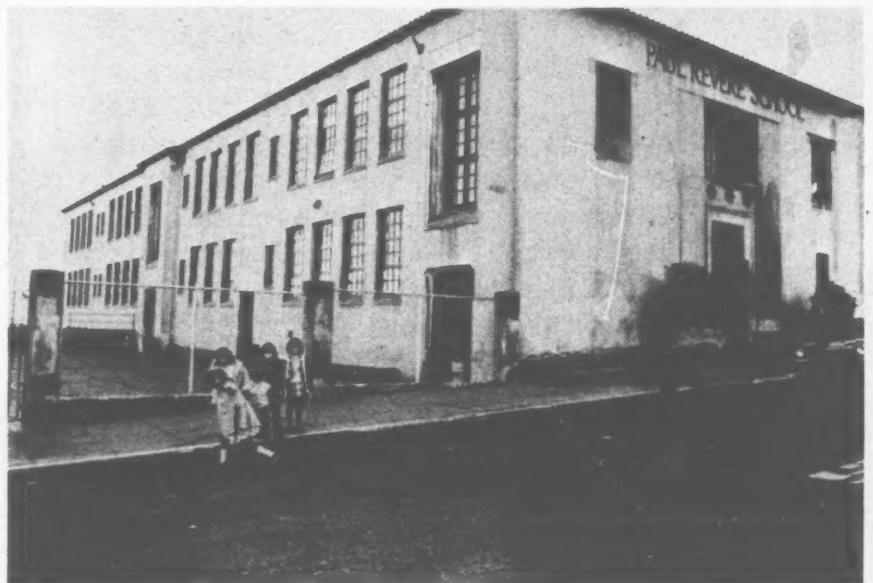
LE CONTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Write: Leonard Flynn, Principal
3125 Army Street
San Francisco, Calif. 94110



To test the practical application of this systems model and verify costs, the City of San Francisco now plans to renovate two floors of the Paul Revere Elementary School Annex. Five contractors responded to an invitation to bid and subsequently proved that systems modernization is, in fact, competitive. The low bidder has received a letter of intent and the architect is completing renovation plans to suit the particular systems components.

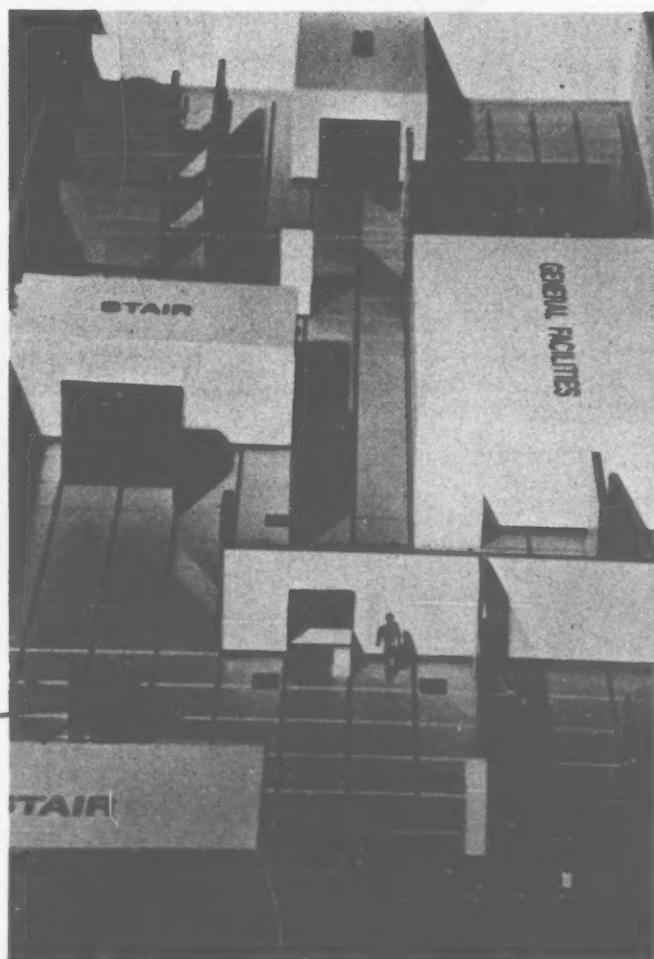
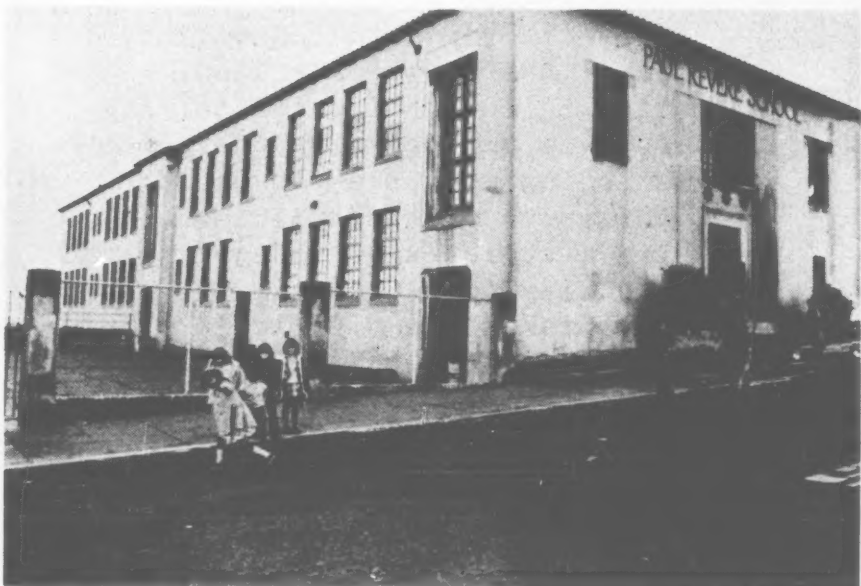
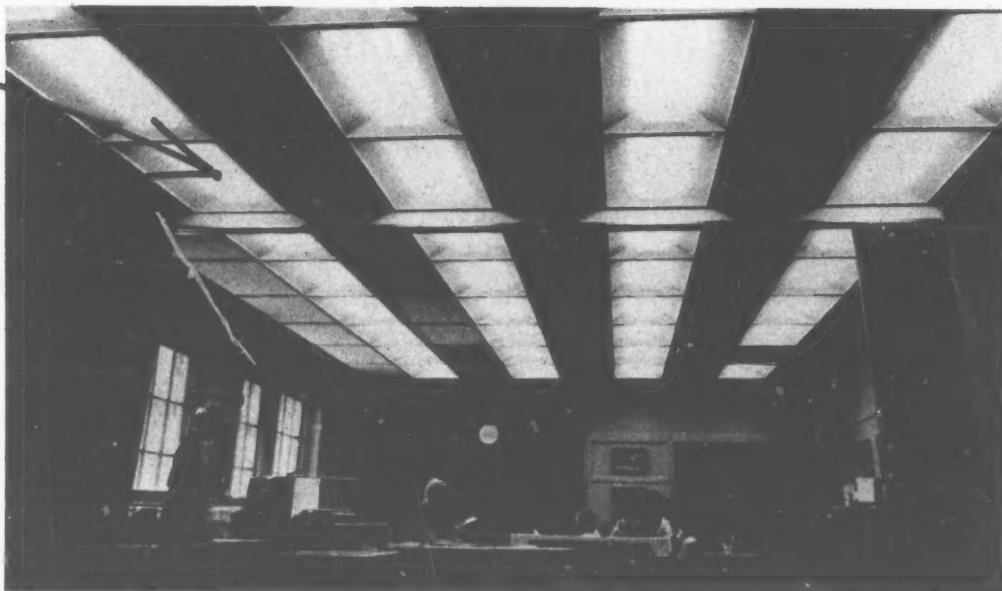
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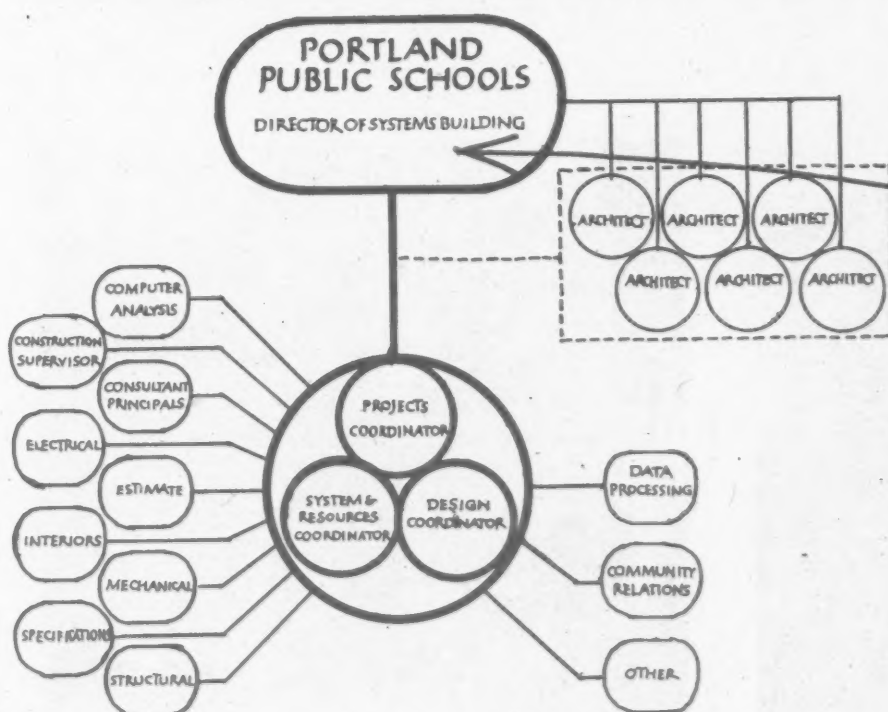
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Modernization in the Future

Portland, Ore., installed a similar model and is inviting the public to inspect it to see the quality available for a wide-scale remodeling. For more information: E. C. Wundram, Director of Building Systems, Portland Public Schools, 631 Northeast Clackamas Street, Portland, Ore. 97208

ARCHITECTURAL RESEARCH TEAM ORGANIZATION



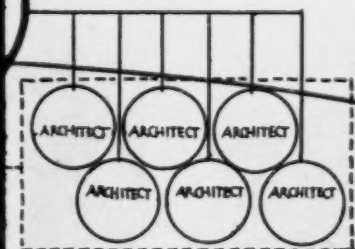
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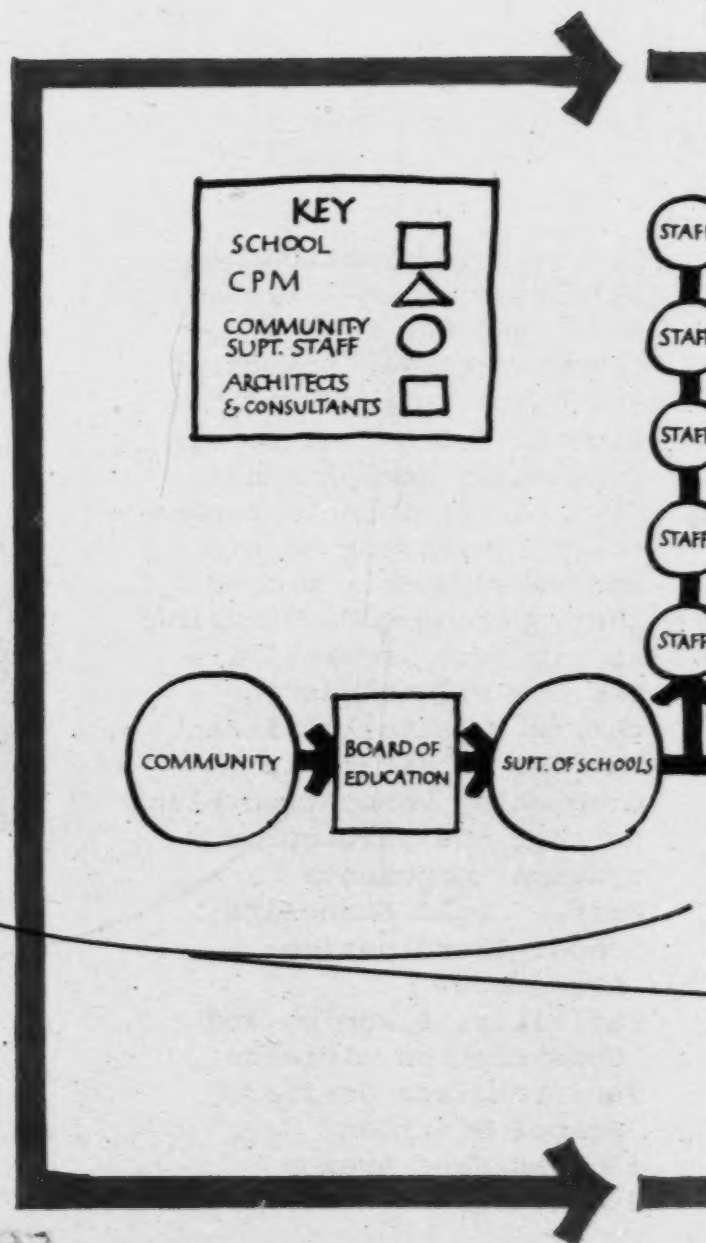
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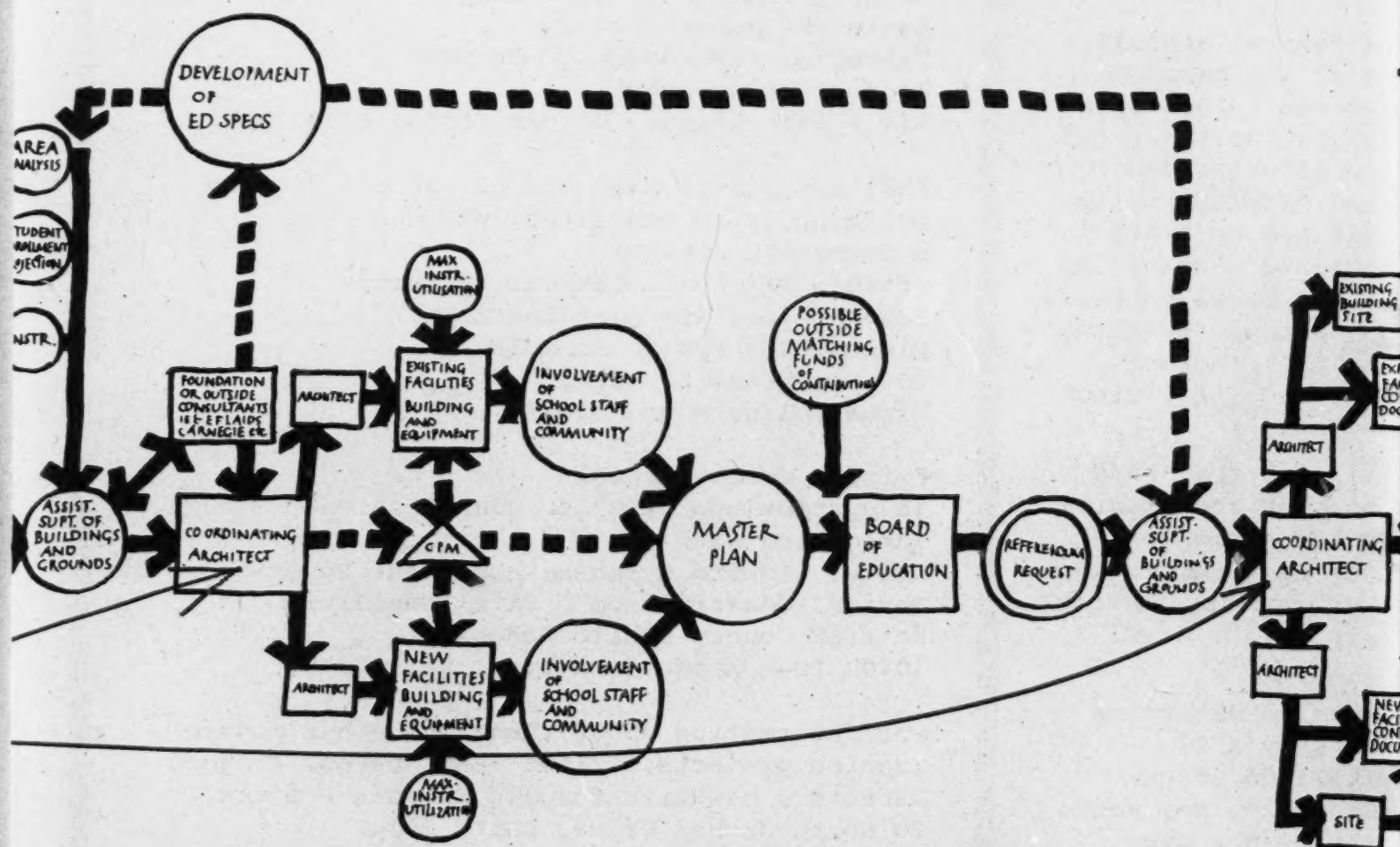


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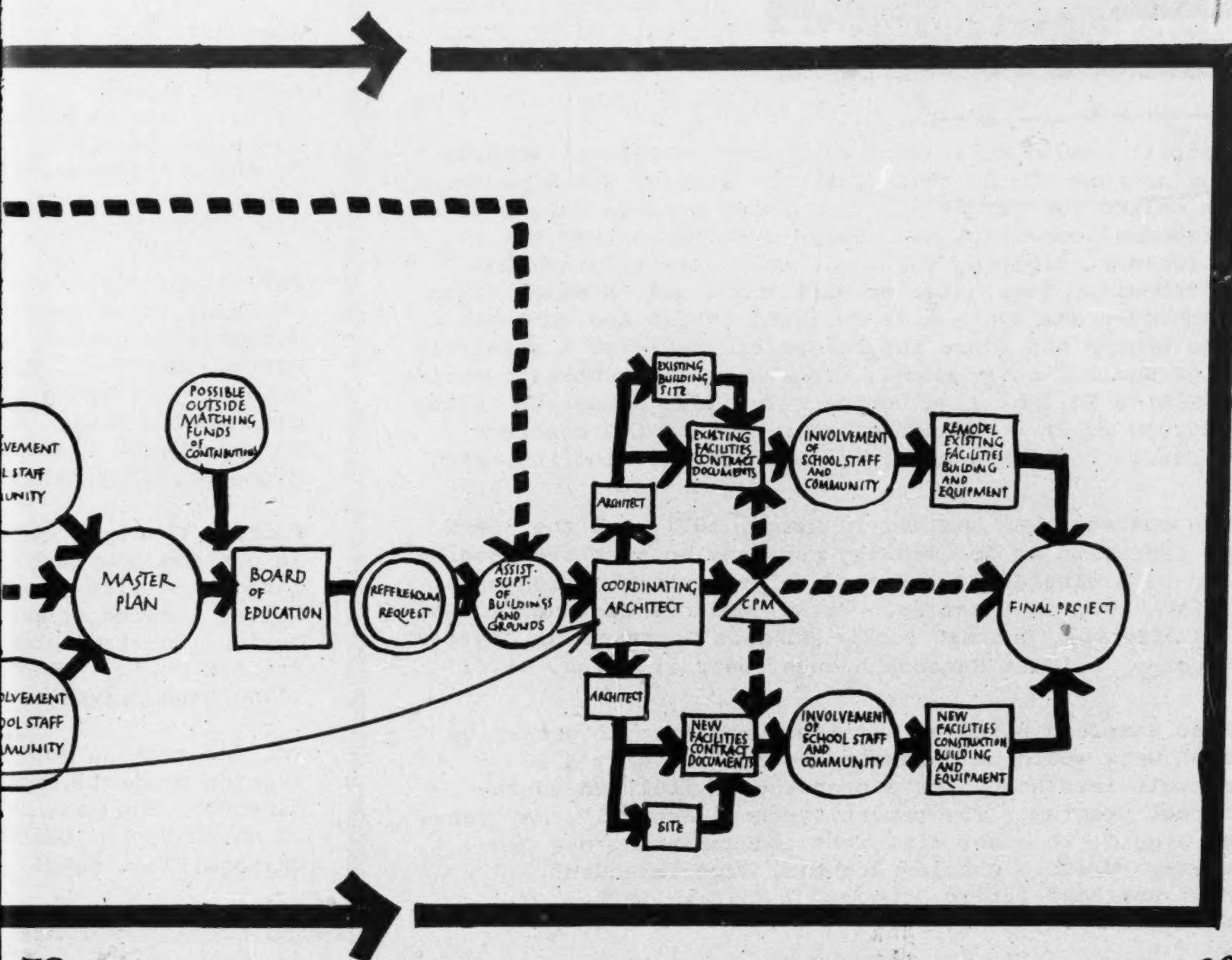
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Kansas City is also organizing for a possible district-wide modernization program. For information on its educational and building program, contact: James W. Newell, Assistant Superintendent, Buildings and Grounds Division, School District of Kansas City, 1211 McGee Street, Kansas City, Mo. 64106



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Modernization in the Future



DELBERT E. ROBERTS
ADDITION TO THE
COOLEY HIGH SCHOOL
Write: John Lansing,
Director, Building
Program Coordination,
School Housing Division,
Detroit Public Schools,
5057 Woodward Avenue,
Detroit, Mich. 48202

Detroit needed multistory additions to several schools, and because of the complexity and size of the program, it called for completely integrated systems rather than piecemeal construction. These systems include the structure, lighting/ceiling, heating/ventilating and airconditioning, interior partitions and exterior walls. Each of these systems is designed to fit and complement the others and share the burden of providing a specified high quality environment. Together, the systems comprise 44% of a \$8.5-million contract for four schools totaling 280,000 sq ft. The non-systems part of the contract includes foundations, plumbing, roofing, flooring, etc.

The contract was awarded in March, 1971, and the Board of Education is documenting progress so that the program can be evaluated in terms of future modernization programs. For information, write: Wallace Cleland, Technical Director, Detroit Public Schools Construction, Systems Program, 51 West Hancock Avenue, Detroit, Mich. 48201

West Hartford hired an architectural firm to determine what work would be necessary to put the city's 22 schools into shape for a proposed revitalized educational program. The report, "School Renewal", may serve as a guide to other districts contemplating new programs. Write: Charles Richter, Superintendent, West Hartford Public Schools, 7 Whiting Lane, West Hartford, Conn. 06119

Watch for developments that are still in progress of their program

Burris Laboratory redesigned for education
Write: Marvin E. Ball, State University College of Architecture, Muncie, Ind. 47306

East High School (two big schools modernization)
Write: Charles Assistant Superintendent, Planning & Engineering, Denver Public Schools, 414 - 14th Street

Phillips Junior building to be converted into a community center
Write: Marvin L. School Plant Planning, Minneapolis Public Schools, 807 Northeast Broadway, Minneapolis, Minn.

Fairfax County Schools (a systems approach integrated with other programs)
Write: Edward S. Design, Construction, Fairfax County Public Schools, 10700 Page Avenue

For information on modernization projects
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Burris Laboratory School (a 1920's building
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Write: Marvin E. Rosenman, Associate Professor
Ball State University
College of Architecture & Planning
Muncie, Ind. 47306

East High School and West High School
(two big schools to be phased for long-range
modernization)
Write: Charles E. Armstrong
Assistant Superintendent
Planning & Engineering Services
Denver Public Schools
414 - 14th Street, Denver, Colo. 80202

Phillips Junior High School (an old 3-story
building to be converted into
a community center)
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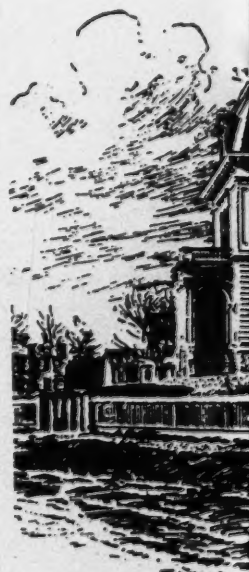
Fairfax County Schools
(a systems approach to modernization,
integrated with a new building program)
Write: Edward Stephan, Assistant Superintendent
Design, Construction & Site Acquisition
Fairfax County Public Schools
10700 Page Avenue, Fairfax, Va. 22030

For information about these and other modern-
ization projects, write: Ben Graves, Project
Director, New Life for Old Schools Project,
20 North Wacker Drive, Suite 1734,
Chicago, Ill. 60606

Here are a few articles on modernization:

1. "Modernization," by Ben Graves. Nation's Schools, April, 1971. Reprints available from Educational Facilities Laboratories, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022 (no charge).
2. A Who-Does-What & How-To-Get-Started article by Ben Graves to appear in American School Board Journal, April, 1972. Available from American School Board Journal, State National Bank Plaza, Evanston, Ill. 60201 (\$1.25).
3. Special Section on Remodeling in American School & University, July, 1971. Available from American School & University, 134 North 13th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107 (\$2.00).
4. The Loft Building as a School House: A Study for the School District of Philadelphia, by Murphy Levy Wurman. Educational Facilities Laboratories. Available from Educational Facilities Laboratories, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022 (no charge).
5. New Life for Old Schools, newsletter available from Ben Graves, New Life for Old Schools, 20 North Wacker Drive, Chicago, Ill. 60606 (no charge).
6. Thirty-one Old San Francisco Schools Updated. Prepared for the San Francisco Unified School District by Corlett & Spackman, architects. Available from Educational Facilities Laboratories, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022 (no charge).
7. A variety of publications on modernization is available from the Council of the Great City Schools, 1819 H. Street, N. W., Washington, D.C. 20006 (no charge).

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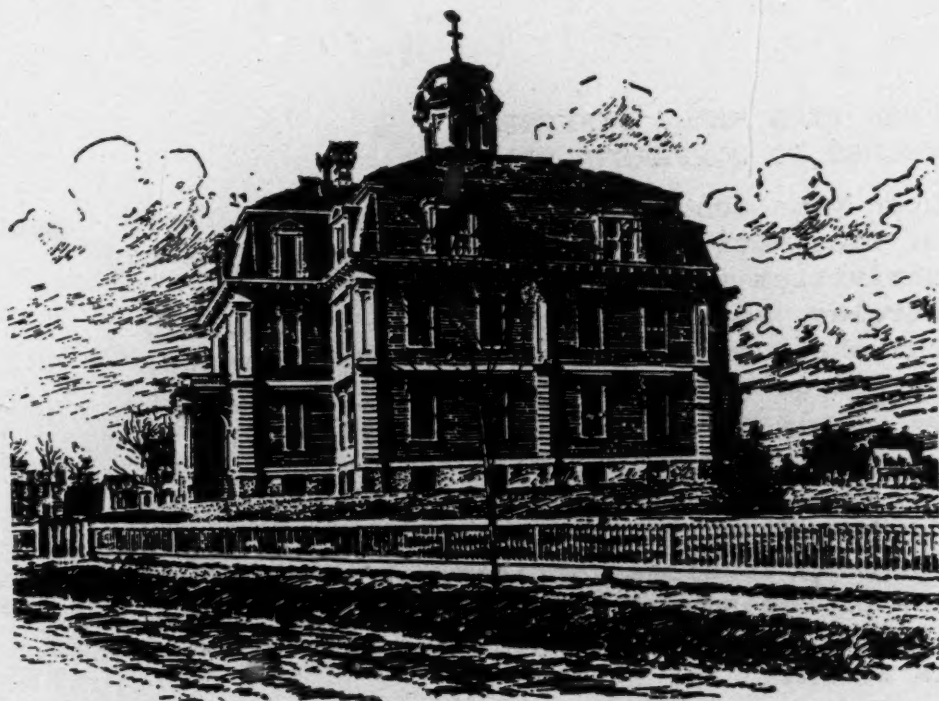
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Despite an impending national decline in school enrollments, the trend toward an enlarging curriculum makes it unlikely that a school's need for different kinds of spaces will diminish. An inventory of American school spaces would undoubtedly reveal that much of it is incompatible with changing educational needs and philosophy. Therefore, modernization and the judicious reclamation of other building types will become a major concern of schoolhouse design in this decade.



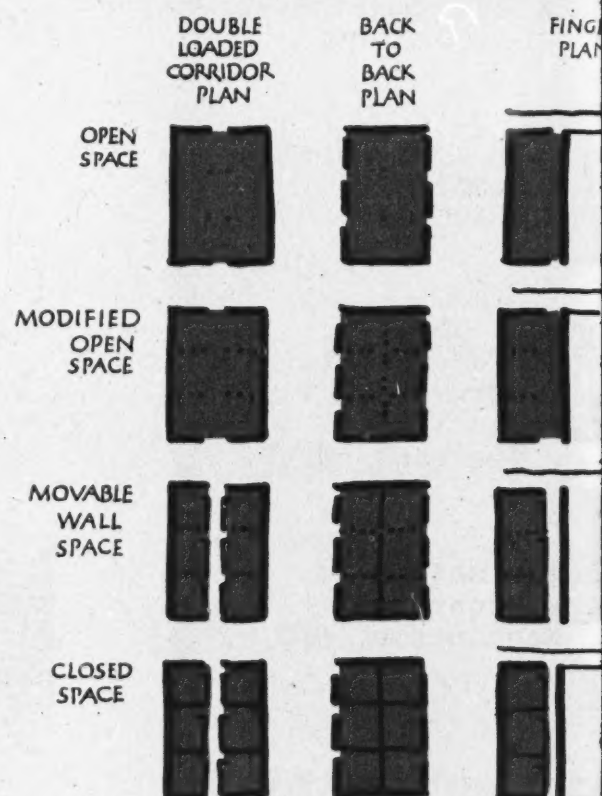
3. OPEN PLAN

Open plan schools are simply composed of broad expanses of enclosed space unbroken by walls. Their clear-span interiors, usually carpeted and airconditioned, are subdivided into smaller, discrete areas by the use of movable panels and screens, plants, or rolling casework. As activities and group sizes shift throughout the day, these space-definers move with them to create new spatial relationships. Gone are the frozen rows of classrooms containing rows of desks, which in turn freeze class sizes and activities and prevent communication and interaction among the school's occupants. In essence, the physical plant is simply space with potential...in the short run, potential for quick physical response to changing daily requirements, and in the long run, the potential to yield to unpredictable changes in educational philosophy and methods.



OPEN PLAN MEANS DIFFERENT THINGS TO DIFFERENT PEOPLE

Open plan schools often appear in a variety of imaginative shapes that reflect the fluid activities and functions within them -- circles, hexagons, polyhedrons and spirals. But whatever the shape, the old monumental buildings with fixed walls are now replaced by simple shells containing varied furniture of the most flexible kind. This is not to say that spatial separations cannot accommodate conventional types of rooms for teacher-planning sessions, offices, etc. The final use of the school depends on the furniture and equipment that goes into the space and how it is arranged and rearranged.

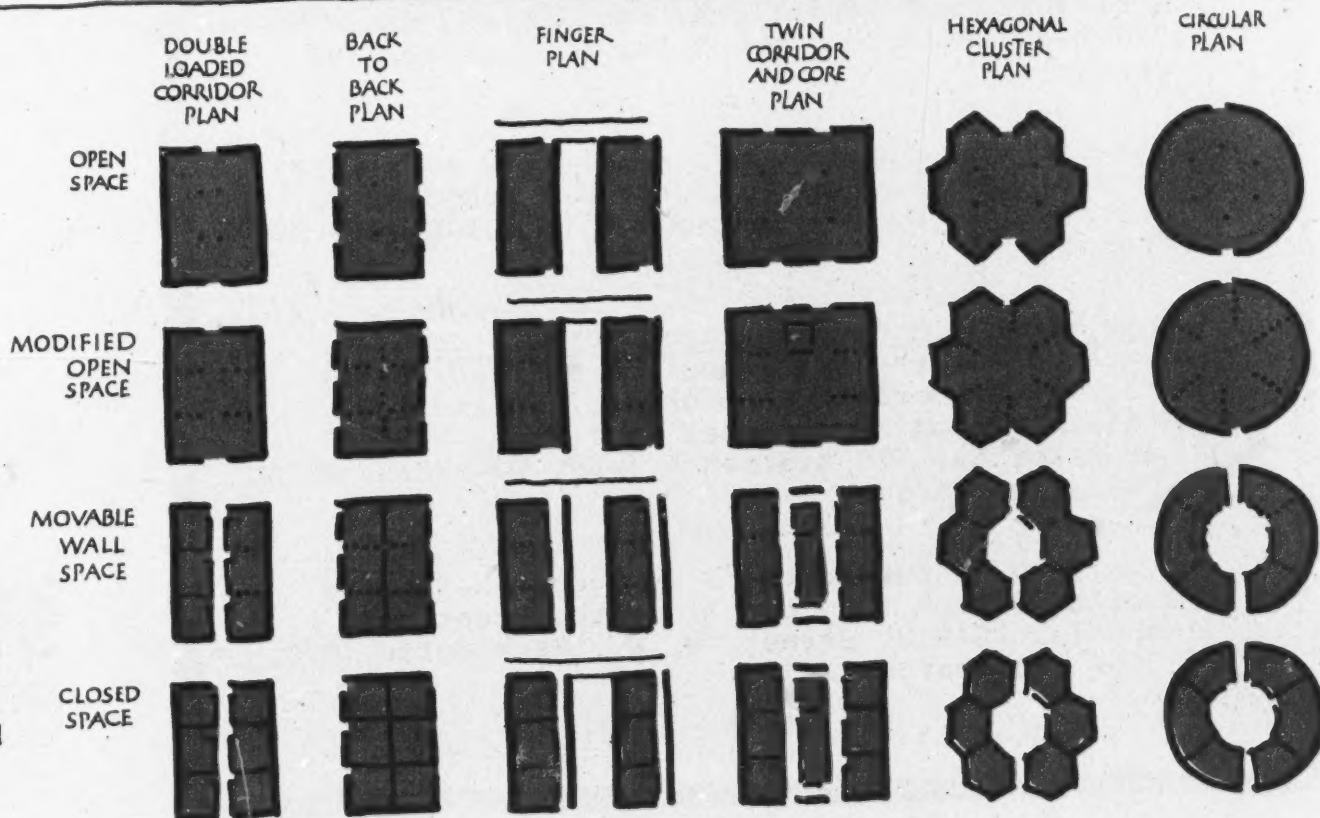


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Flexibility in open plan makes it applicable to a wide variety of teaching techniques. In the Sidney Primary School there are many different kinds of learning taking place at the same time.

Write: Howard S. Dunbar
Principal
Sidney Primary School
Pearl Street
Sidney, N. Y. 13838

The reason for the popular thrust of open plan schools is that they increase the options and alternatives in education. The unrestricting space allows a traditional teaching approach and also allows for differentiated staffing, team teaching, programmed learning, non-graded arrangements, instructional media for individual users, British Infant School programs, and endless leeway for experimentation with promising methods and techniques. The children in open plan schools have more choices, too. There are more varied spaces to be active in, more teachers to relate to, older and younger classmates to work with, an array of accessible materials on hand, and a rich sensory landscape to stimulate and challenge them.



Large group instruction



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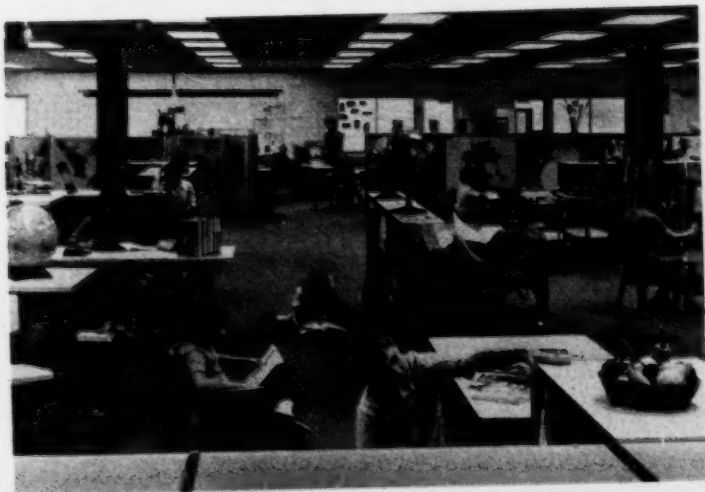
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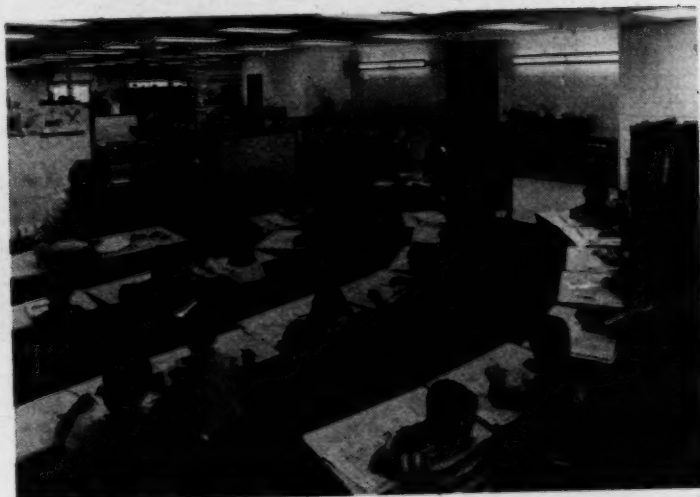
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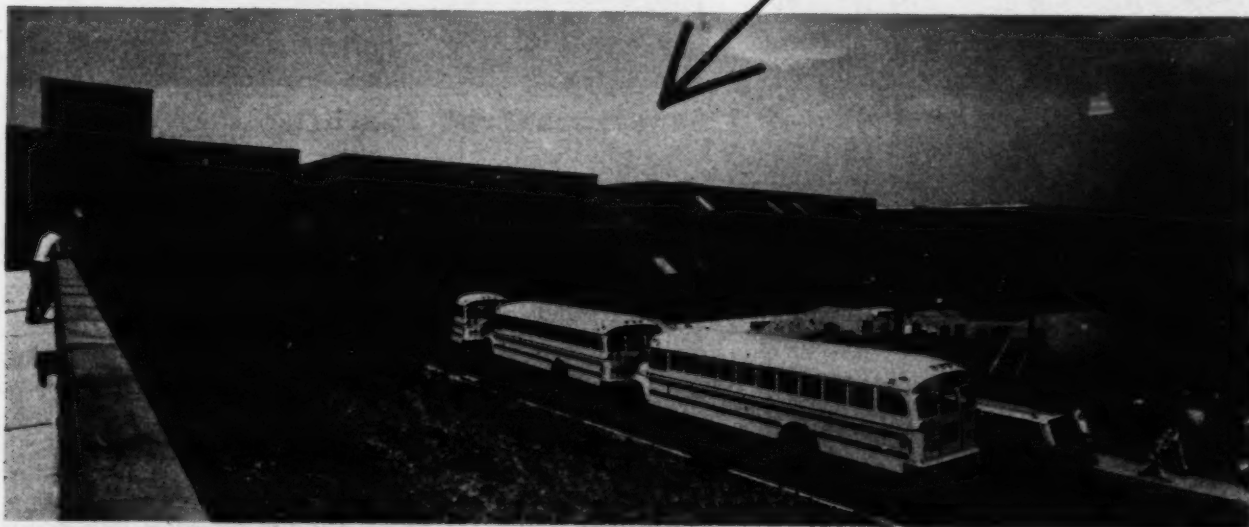
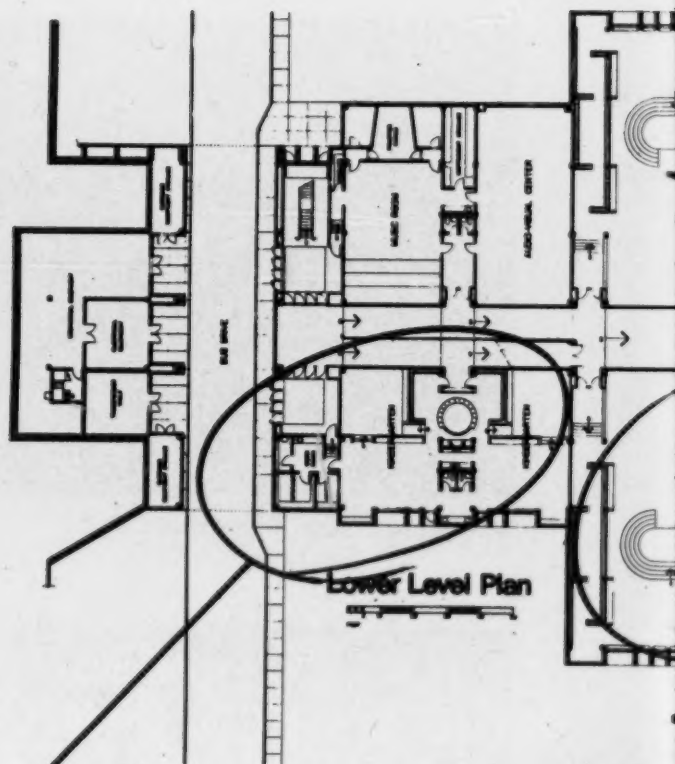
Traditional classroom

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With all their virtues, open plan schools can be overwhelming and confusing, unless they are properly understood and carefully executed. Not surprisingly, some of them have worked extremely well, others less so.

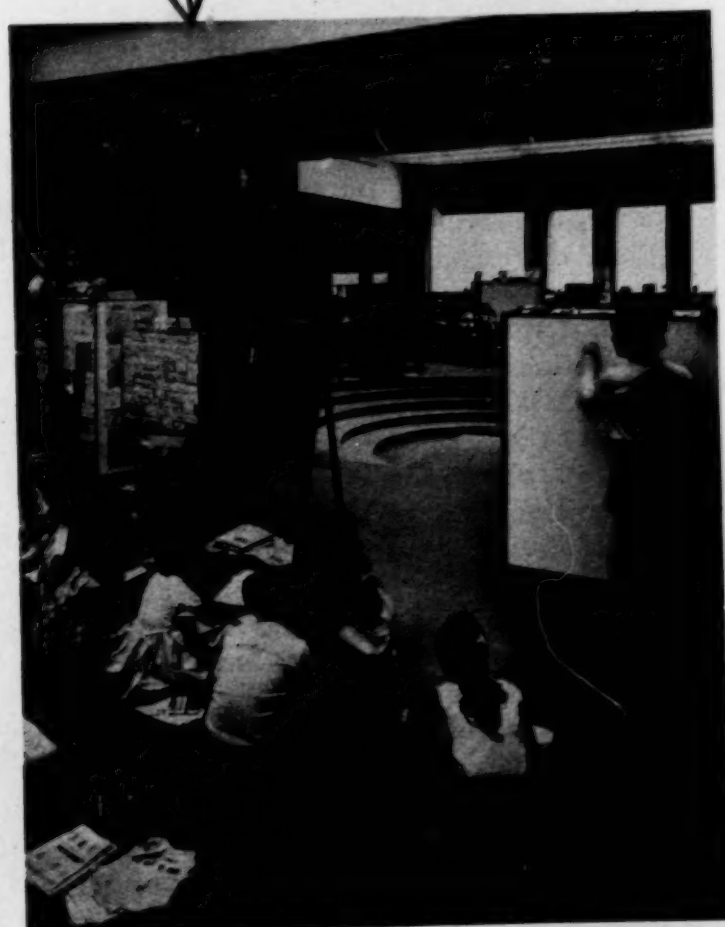
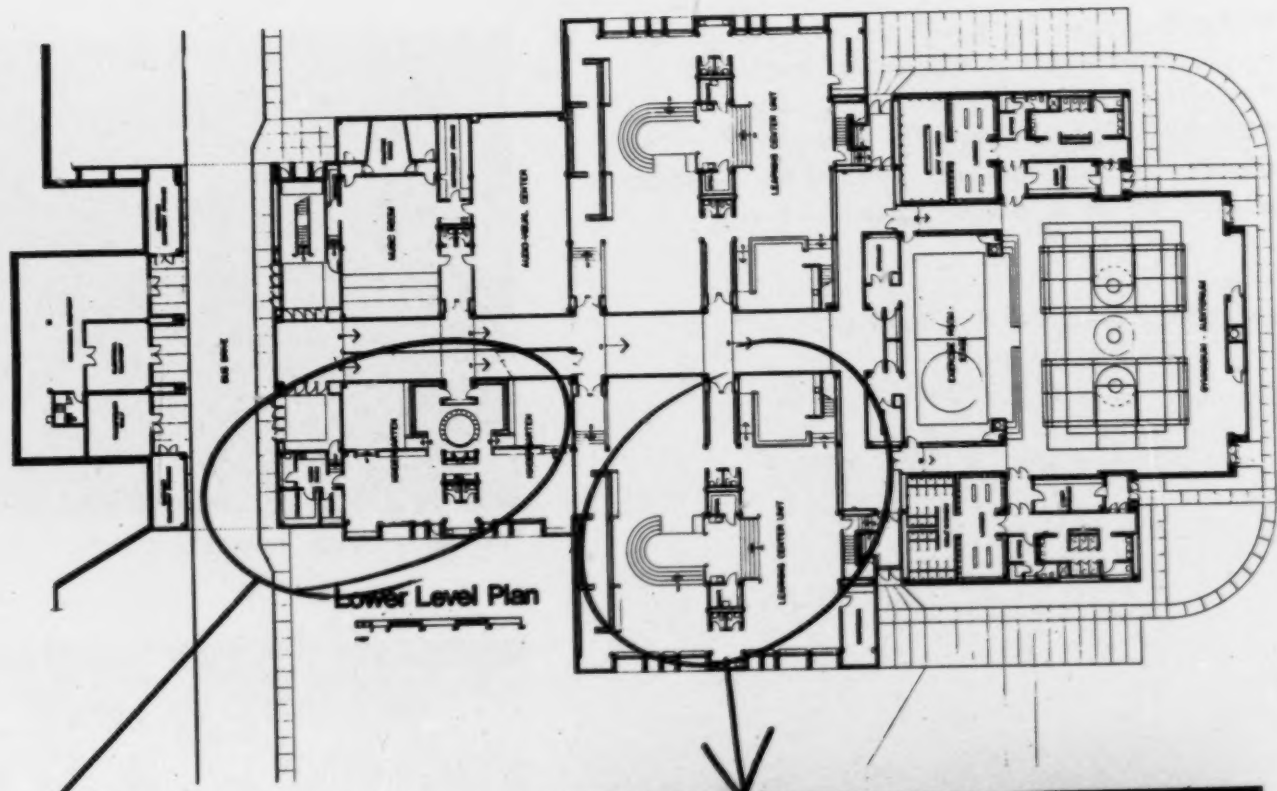
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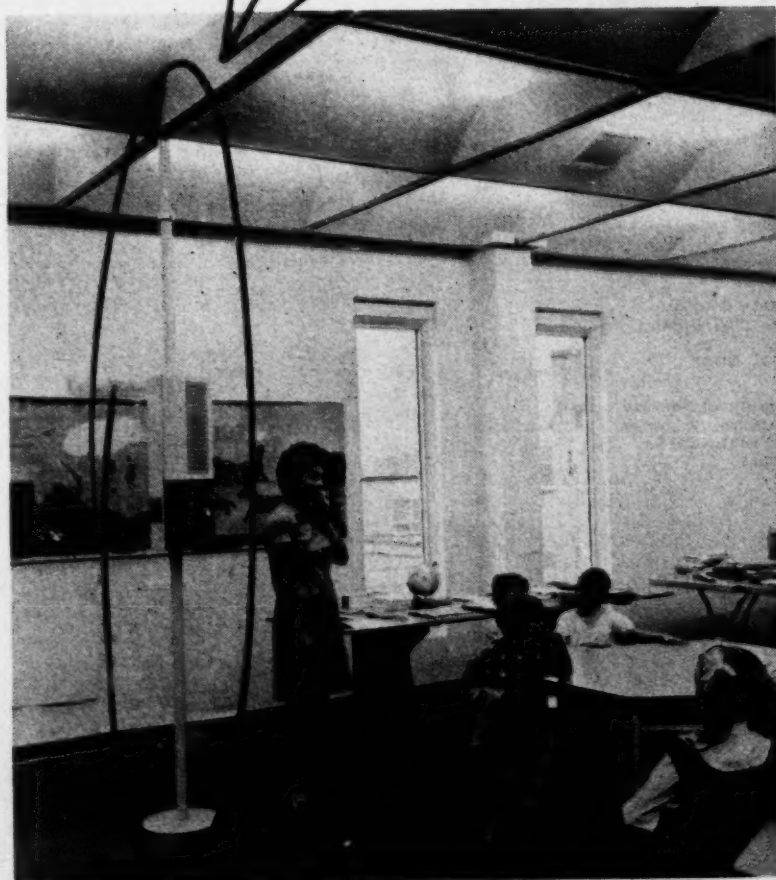


The Mechanical Environment

Advances in technology have solved most of the mechanical problems in the early open plan schools. Carpeting and acoustically treated ceilings and soft furniture and equipment (bean bags, snake chairs, inflatables, fabric screens) have not only contributed to better sound conditioning but have also made school environments softer and more yielding to the body and spirit.* Other problems, like the power outlets when there are few walls, have been more difficult. But power distribution systems through the ceiling or floor now make it possible to use machines anywhere in a room, no matter how far the nearest wall. Systems building, for example, has developed an electronic subsystem for plug-in electrical and communication outlets operable anywhere along a 5-ft module.** Write: John Boice, Building Systems Information Clearinghouse/Educational Facilities Laboratories, 3000 Sand Hill Road, Menlo Park, Calif. 94025.

*See: 4.FURNITURE, p.48

** See also
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Castle Rock High Wash., has developed science center for and waste disposal p.56, for illustrating the electrical development; it provides flexibility in power communications.**

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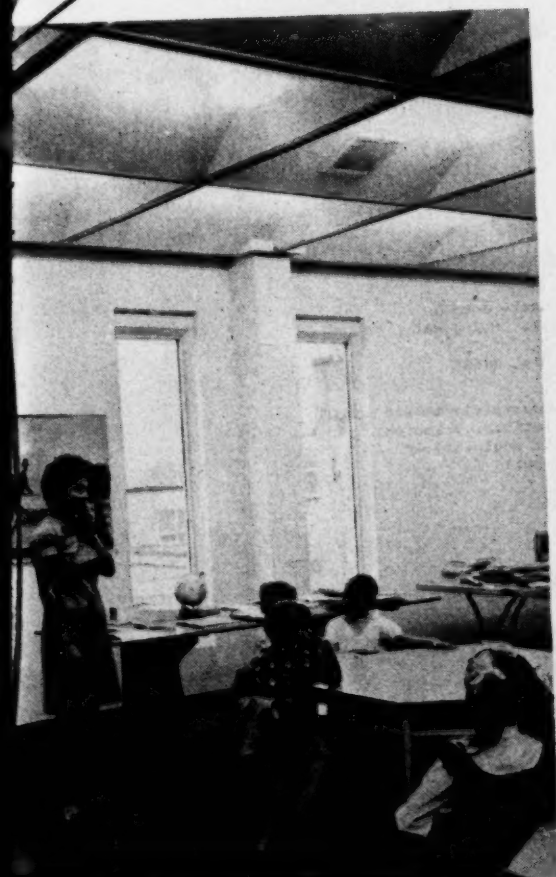
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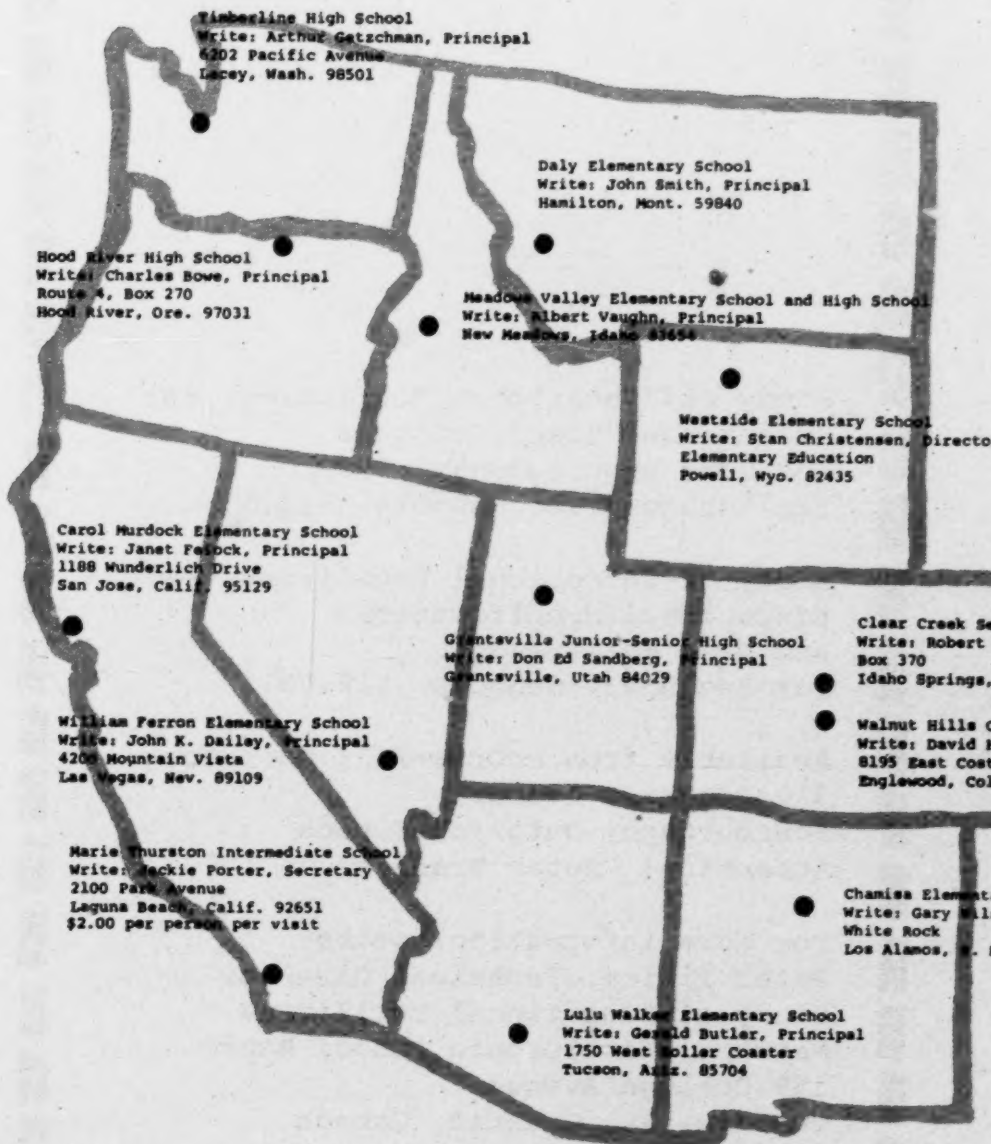
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Hamilton, Mont. 59840
 - Meadows Valley Elementary School and High School
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 - Westside Elementary School
Write: Stan Christensen, Director of
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 - Grantsville Junior-Senior High School
Write: Don Ed Sandberg, Principal
Grantsville, Utah 84029
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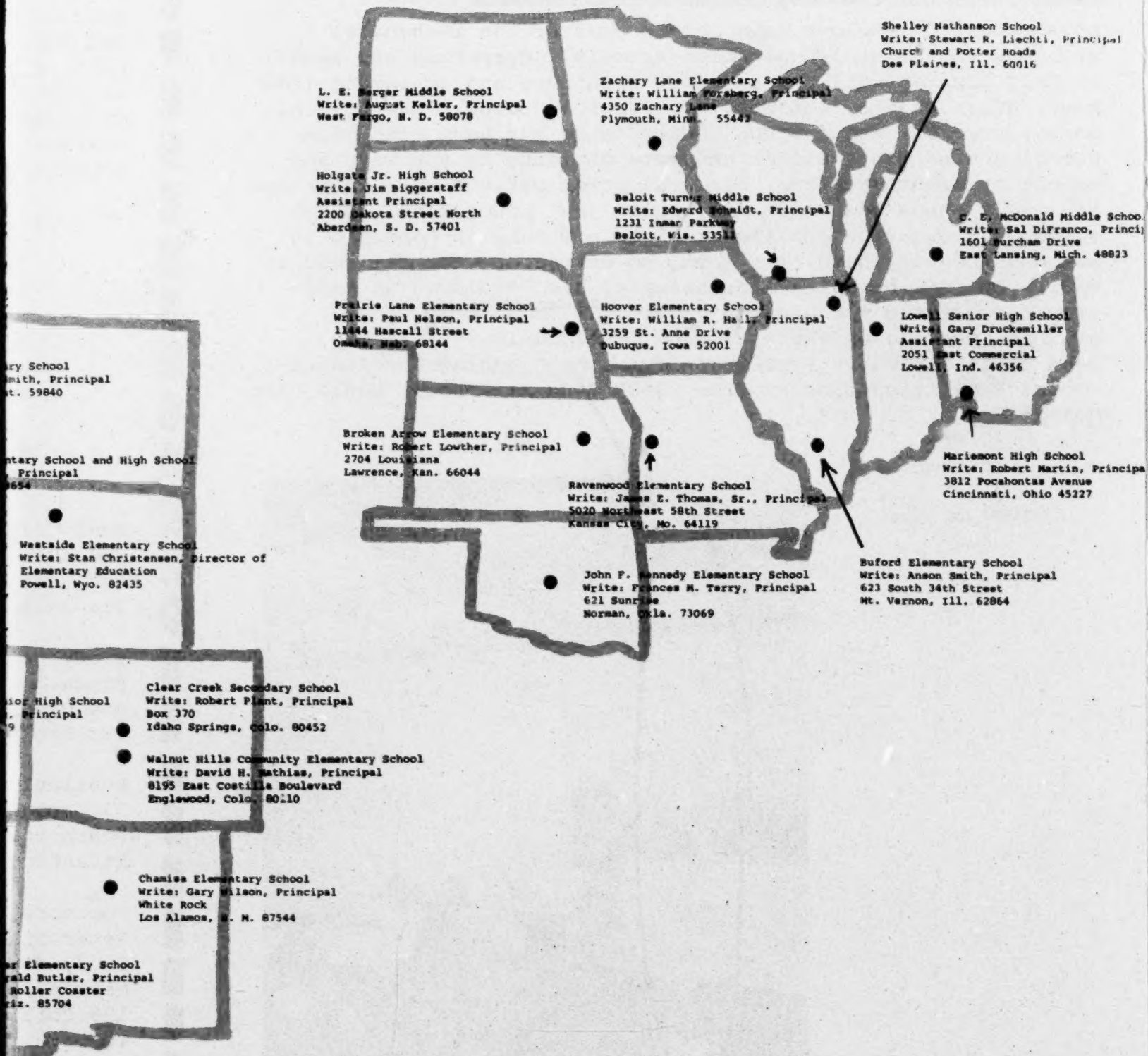
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- Hoover Elementary
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A NOTE:

The number of open plan schools across the country has grown so large (especially at the elementary level) it is no longer possible for us to visit all of them. Since in many cases we must rely upon information from the field, readers who make visits to these schools are likely to find varying degrees of openness -- from totally open to partially open, from no walls at all to combinations of demountable partitions and movable screens, and to interiors subdivided into open pods equal in size to three or more classrooms. Here are some pinpointed regionally. For more information, write: Catherine Slade, Librarian

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Kearsarge Regional High School
Write: Paul Linehan, Principal
North Sutton, N. H. 03260

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Shelburne, Vt. 05482

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West Hill, Ontario, Canada

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Greece, N. Y. 14612

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Canton, Pa. 17724

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Board of Education
Franklin Street
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Graham, N. C. 27253 (near Durham)

Butterfield Trail Elementary School
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Cyril B. Busbee Middle School
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Cayce, S. C. 29033

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West Waco Drive
Waco, Tex. 76710

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Highway 30 East
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150 Fairway
North Kingstown, R. I. 02852
- Ridge Hill School
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- C. A. Dwyer Elementary School
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NOTE:

Before visiting schools, be sure to ask permission of the people listed. A good source of information about other open plan schools is the department of facilities planning in the state departments of education.

The Human Environment

Some of the more serious problems in open plan schools have had to do with human factors -- with the need for a sense of place and the need for visual and auditory privacy. Often, the first generation open plan schools were simply huge seas of undifferentiated space in which the absence of landmarks, reference points, or territorial markers left students disoriented, not knowing where to go or where they belonged when they got there. The latest models recognize the need for defining subspaces in such a way as to provide both orientation and conditions for the visual and auditory interaction of a specific group within a subspace. This is accomplished with movable fabric screens, panels and casework. There is a large inventory of equipment that can serve well for this purpose (so long as it is scaled to human proportions and is not so tall as to totally isolate a subspace from its larger surround). With colorful surfaces of their own, or surfaces prepared to receive graphics, these territorial markers add to the warmth and vitality of the total environment.

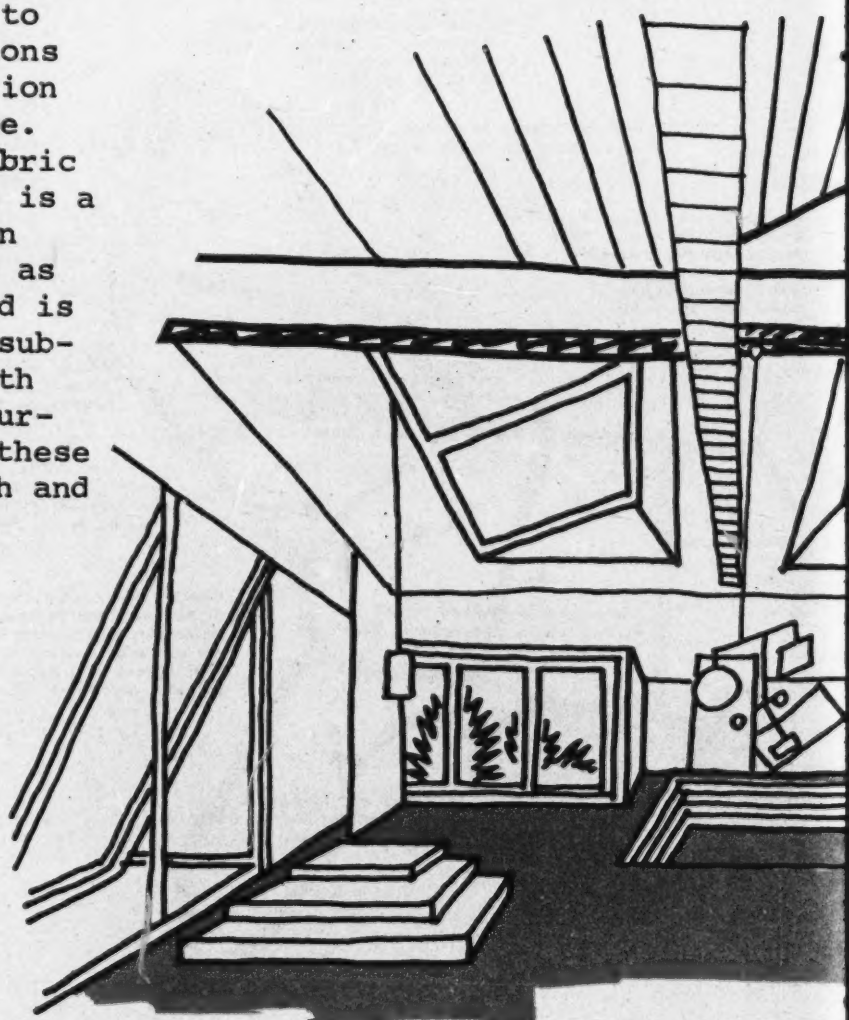
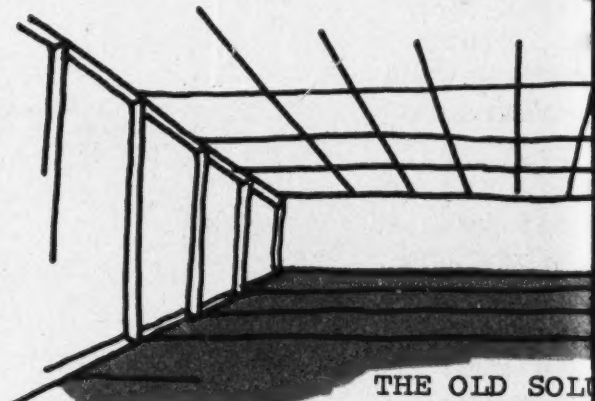
For good examples of space-defining elements and systems, see:

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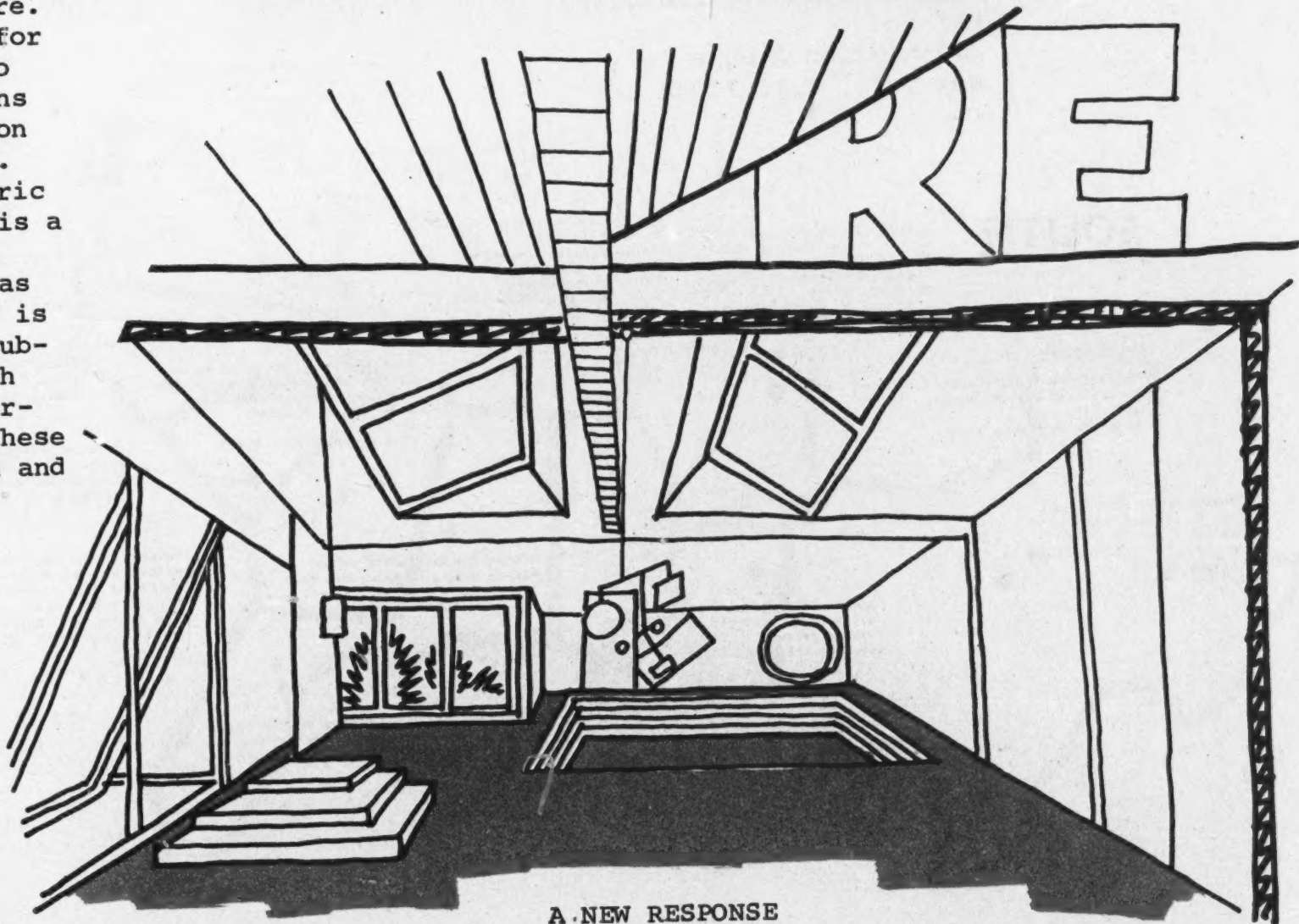
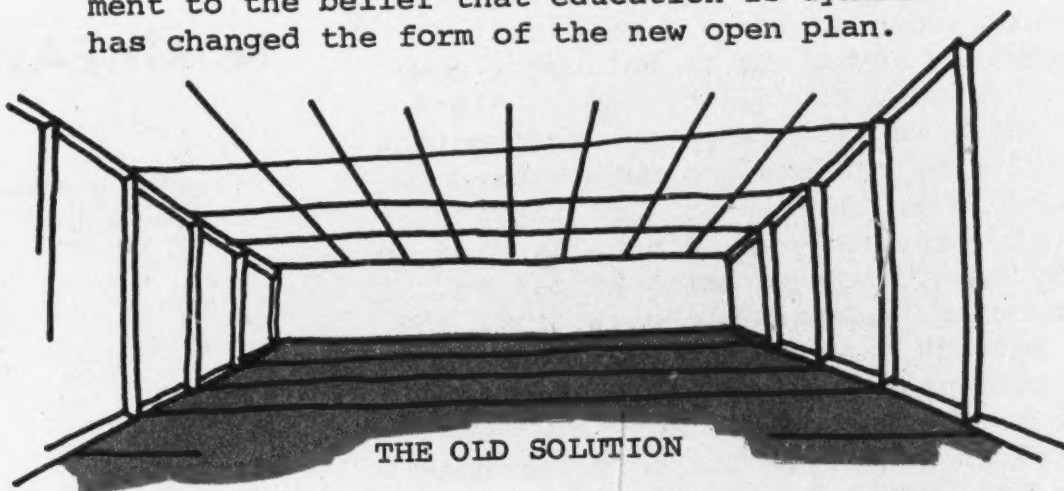
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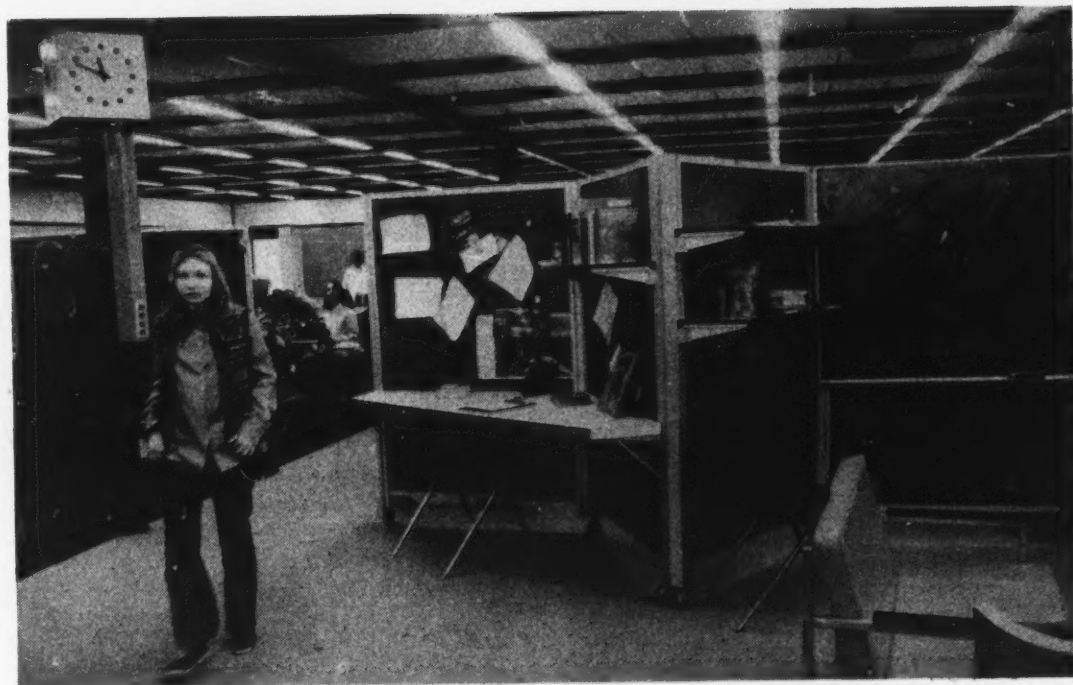


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North Kingstown Senior High School Addition



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North Kingston High School
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movable furniture and
multiuse dividers.



Beachwood Middle School
highlights subspaces with
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The Human Environment

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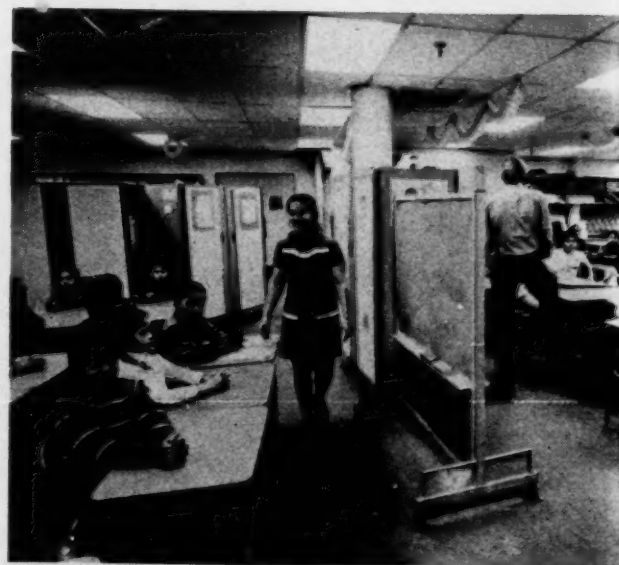


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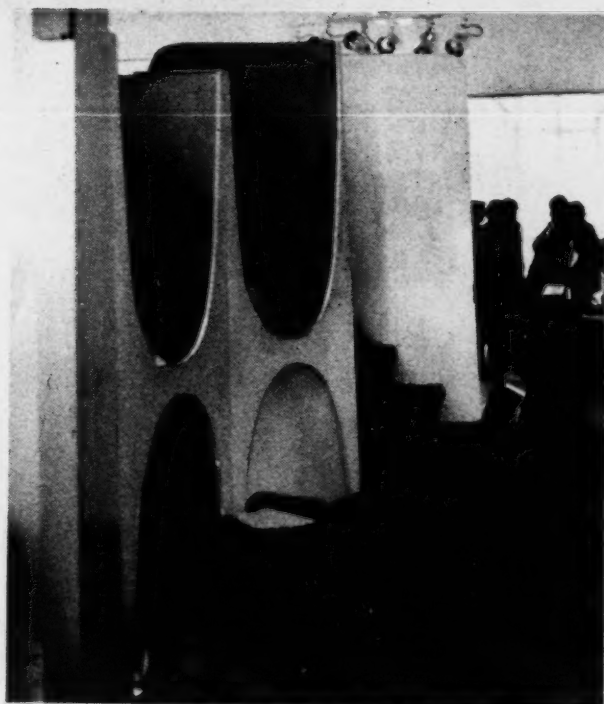
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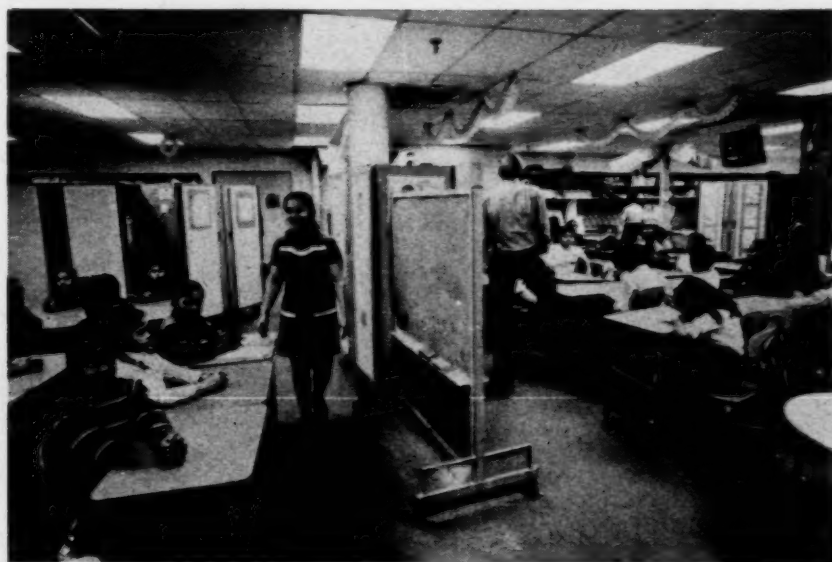


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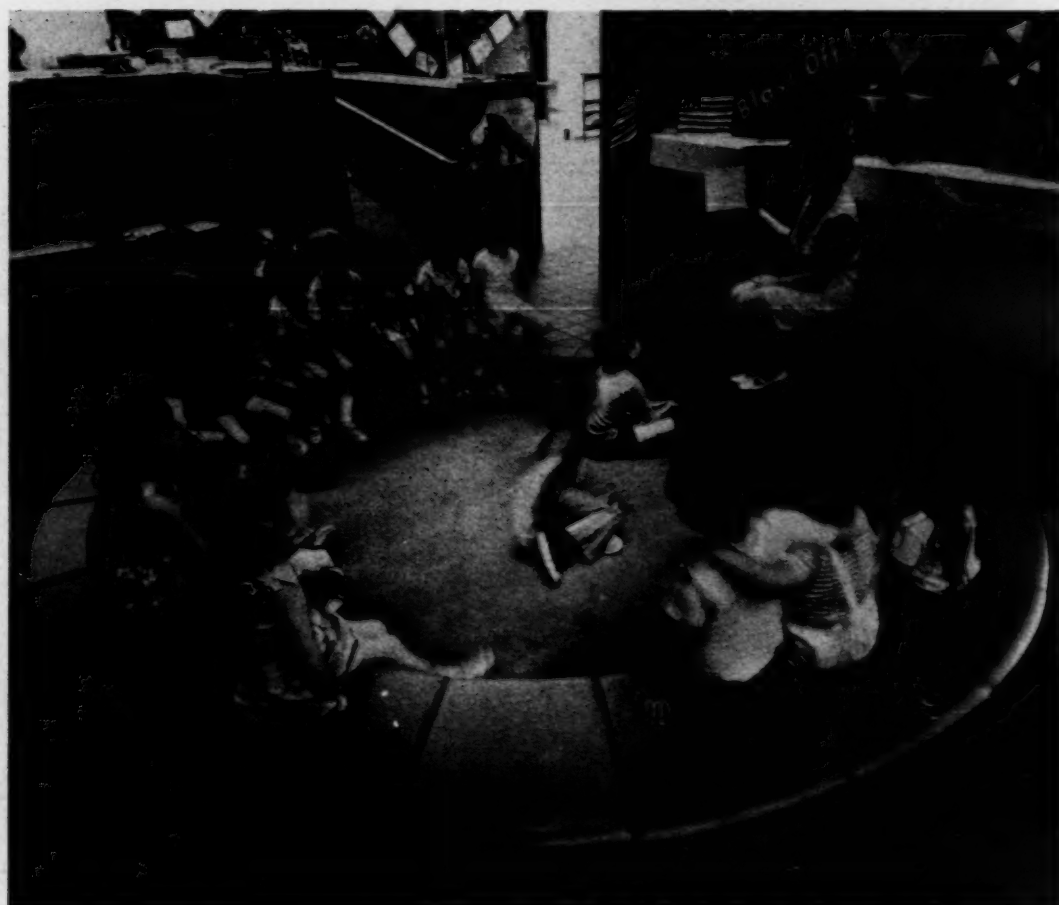
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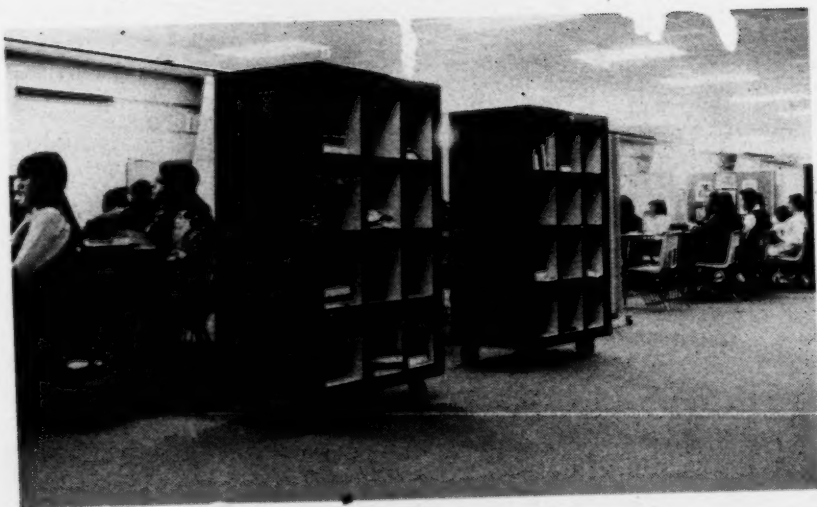


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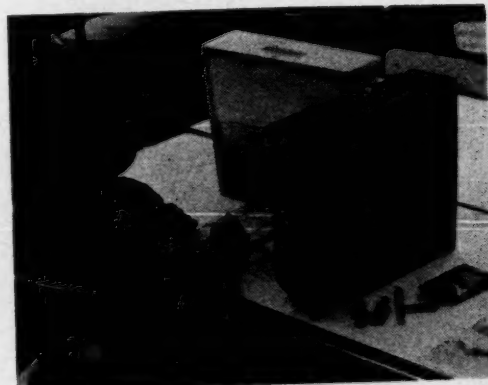


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THE INDIVIDUAL APPROACH
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The Teaching Environment

The creation of efficient living and working conditions, once the province of architecture, now results almost wholly from manipulation of the interior elements and the ongoing management of the space. And it is teachers and administrators who must assume the role of space manager. So, to prepare them for this new role, they must be taught how to use the equipment and teach in open plan schools.

TEACHER TRAINING FOR OPEN PLAN SCHOOLS

At present, there is no overall attempt to prepare teachers for open plan schools. However, since a majority of new schools are being designed at least partially open plan, the necessity for showing teachers how to use them is growing rapidly.

Some suggestions:

1. Check with your local college or university. Many have some kind of program, ranging from a full curriculum approach -- the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, N. D.; the University of Houston, Houston, Tex.; and the University of South Florida, Tampa, Fla. -- to smaller programs, such as the extension courses taught in local open plan schools at San Jose State College, San Jose, Calif.; small programs within the education department at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., Canada; and summer workshops at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.

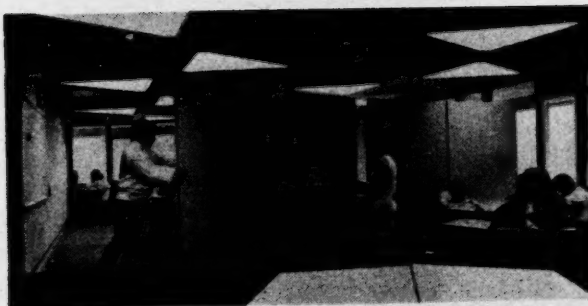
2. I/D/E/A, Inc. of the Kettering Foundation is developing in-service teacher training operations in a number of states and overseas. The programs concentrate on two components: teacher effectiveness and individualization of the educational program. Although not limited to open plan schools, the programs encourage the open space concept and dialogue between interested schools. For more information, Write: Kenneth Schultz, Innovative Programs, I/D/E/A, Inc., 5335 Far Hills Avenue, Suite 300, Dayton, Ohio 45429

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Write: Kenneth Johnston
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Pacific Lutheran University
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college or university. Many have some form of a full curriculum approach -- the University of Grand Forks, N. D.; the University of South Florida, and the University of South Florida, programs, such as the extension of open plan schools at San Jose State and small programs within the education system of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C., and at St. Mary's College, Notre Dame, Ind.

attering Foundation is conducting teacher training operations overseas. The programs include: teacher effectiveness, use of the educational space, and transition to open plan schools. Write to: Kenneth Schultz, Schultz & Associates, Inc., 5335 Farley Road, Dayton, Ohio 45429



3. Visiting local open plan schools and talking with their teachers can often be helpful. Some schools have informally organized workshops to help neighboring schools desiring a change to open plan. The Mullen School, 100 Manny Court, Michigan City, Ind. 46360, for example, has done this. Write to Will Hedstrom, Principal, for more information.

East Orange, N. J., for example, is building a new open plan middle school. The school is currently located in an old loft space, but in preparation for its opening, teachers and students are working with educational consultants to find more effective ways of using the space they now have. Write: Maxine Koelling, East Orange Public Schools, East Orange, N. J. 07017.



In Havertown, Pa., a new middle school is under construction. Until it is completed, the old school has been carpeted and an acoustical ceiling, and a space training area for teachers. Write: Superintendent Harry [Name], School District, East Darby [Address].



The Public Schools of the District have found that an open plan training center for teachers has worked so well that they hope to move in within the next year. The center has worked so well that they hope to make it a permanent facility. The center is currently in a warehouse which is currently used for storage. They hope to move in within the next year. The Public Schools of the District, Projects Division, 415 — 12th St. D. C. 20004.

*See: 1.FOUND SPACE, p.4.

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In Havertown, Pa., a new middle school is also under construction. Until it is ready, the gymnasium in the old school has been carpeted, provided with new lighting and an acoustical ceiling, and is being used as an open space training area for teachers with 120 to 140 students. Write: Superintendent Harry R. Henly, Haverford Township School District, East Darby Road, Havertown, Pa. 19083.



The Public Schools of the District of Columbia are running an open plan training center for teachers and aides prior to their moving into new open plan schools. In fact, the center has worked so well that the city has decided to make it a permanent facility. The schools have acquired a warehouse which is currently undergoing renovation, and they hope to move in within the year.* Write: J. Weldon Greene, Public Schools of the District of Columbia, Special Projects Division, 415 — 12th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20004.

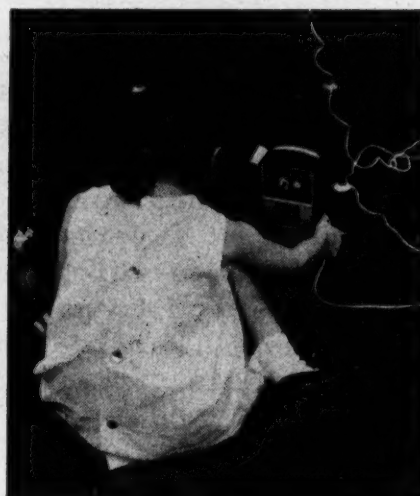
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The Cost of Environment

Sometimes, open plan schools turn out to be unsatisfactory because of misconceptions of cost. One misconception is that they are cheaper to build than conventional school buildings. Another is that more children can be crammed into them. Either view as a reason for building them is fallacious.

Schools without walls are not likely to cost less than conventional schools. True, money is saved on expensive interior walls and doors. And it is also true that without them, and with reclaimed corridor space, the net usable area of a building may be 80% or more, compared with 66% net usable area in a conventional building. But the money saved must now be spent elsewhere. The interior walls and doors, once part of the construction budget, are now thrown into the furniture and equipment tally. The reason is that the lack of interior partitions demands a better environment because the concentration of large numbers of people in a single space is potentially abrasive. Schools that try to get by with a minimal interior simply do not work. And so, with the furniture, equipment, and other interior elements costing more because of the greater diversity and highly refined quality demanded of them, it is wiser to expect a trade-off in cost rather than a savings.

The floor in an open plan school can be a cost dividend. Changes in levels, become the school's piece of furniture.

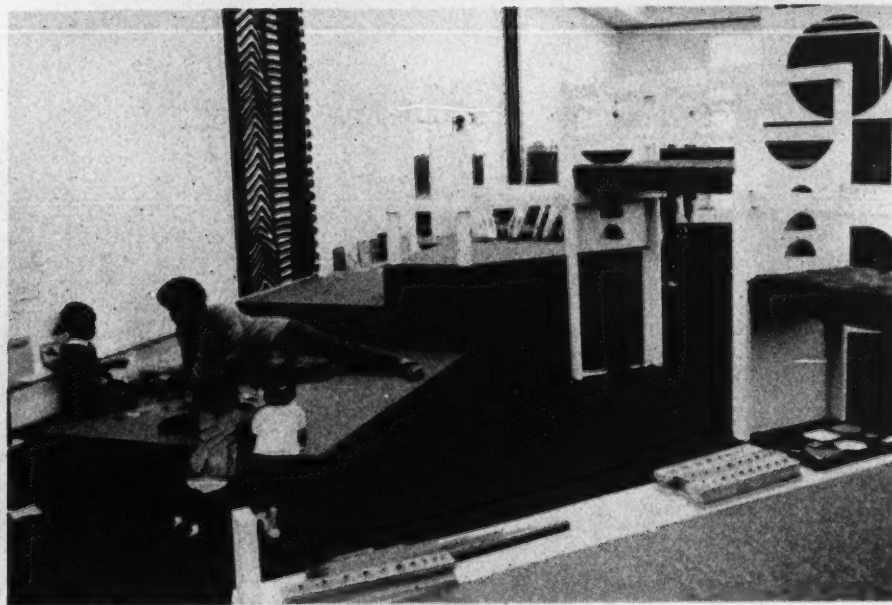


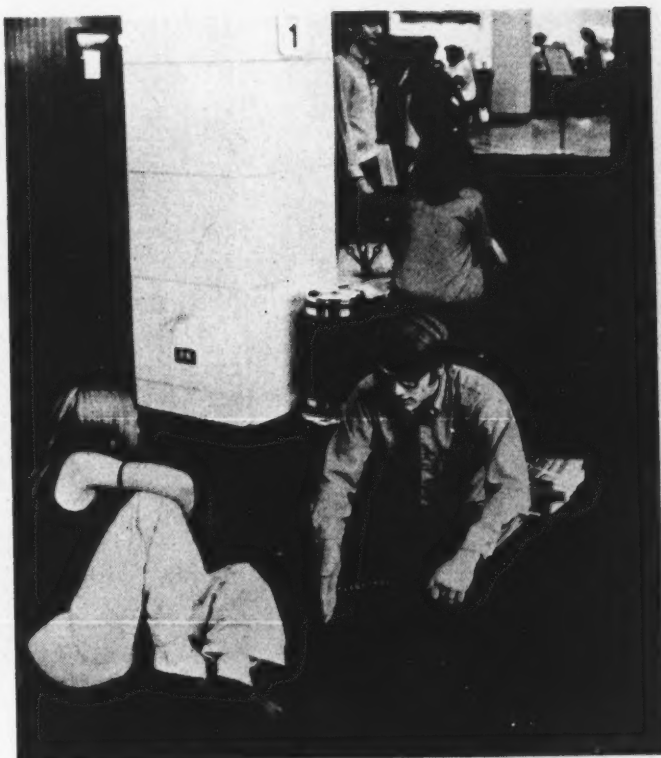
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The floor in an open plan school can be a cost dividend. Carpeted and with changes in levels, the floor alone can become the school's most significant piece of furniture.





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School Planning Laboratory
Stanford University, Stanford, Calif. 94305

Reports available:

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Evolution of Space: a Study of Open Space Planning in Jefferson County School District, by Frank Brunetti and Victor Langhart. (Research Report #1), 1972. \$1.50.

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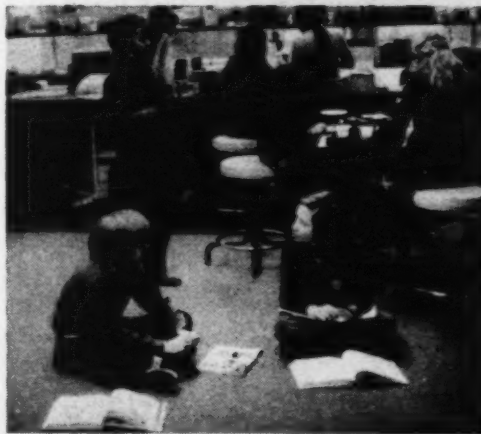
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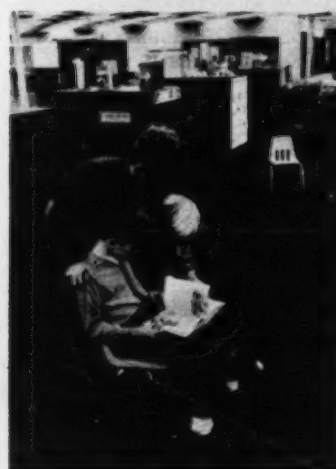
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Why Open Plan?

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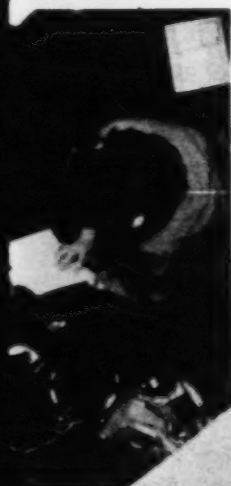
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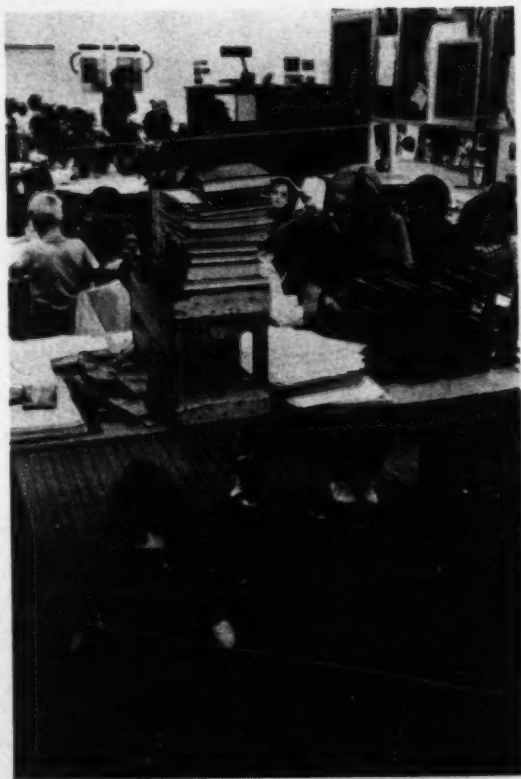


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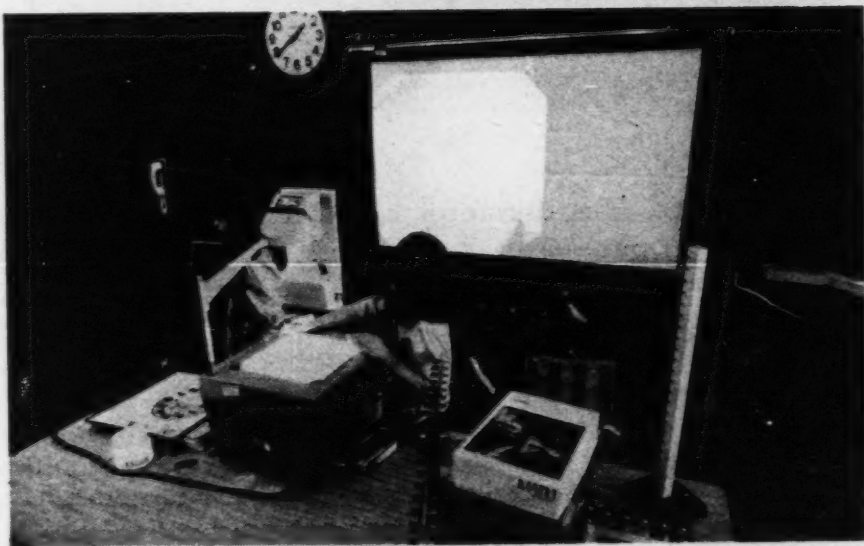


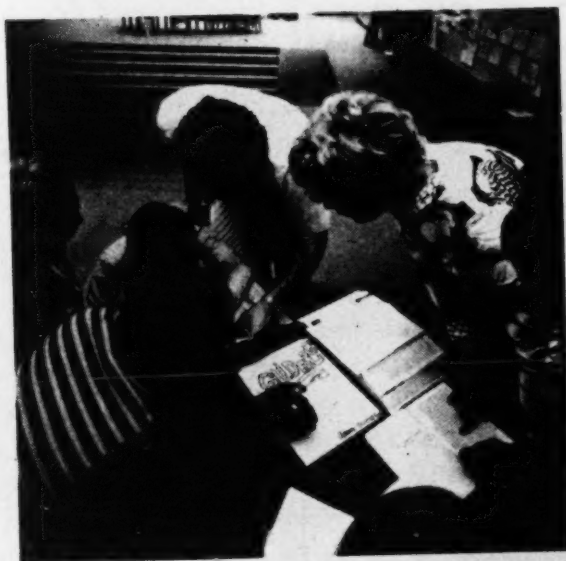


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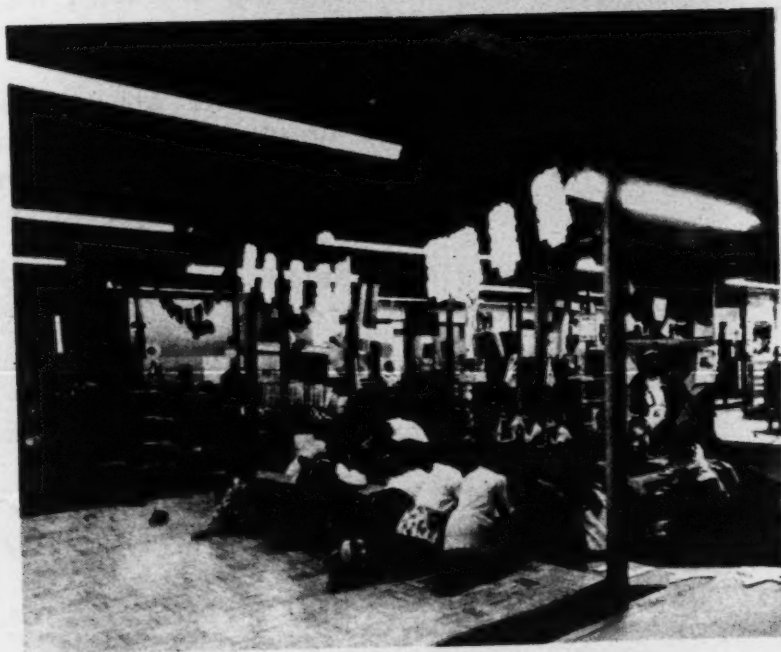


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4. FURNITURE

Furniture is going through metamorphoses. Individualized learning, the changing role of the teacher, large and small group instruction and the increased use of audio-visual aids have affected the need and the function of school furniture. What was once considered standard equipment designed to "fill-up" a school building has now become a significant part of the educational process. Furniture and equipment should be primarily flexible, easily movable and compact multi-usable. It should define space for the current activity, make children comfortable and help provide the acoustical and aesthetic environment necessary for learning.

SIX PRINCIPLES FOR SELECTING FURNITURE

1. DURABLE - Look for easily cleaned surfaces, solid construction, easy repair.
2. SIMPLE - Watch out for the stuff with a thousand uses and a thousand pieces and extraneous gadgets that fall off.
3. USEFUL - How many uses does it have? Can another piece do 2 or 3 things at once?
4. USABLE - Who can use it? Is it too small or large? Too complicated for children?
5. MOVABLE - Can it be moved on your surface? Skiddable? On wheels? Too heavy?
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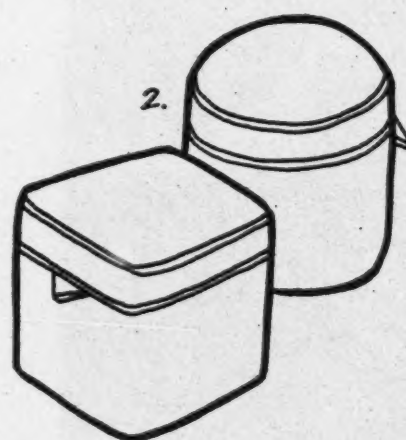
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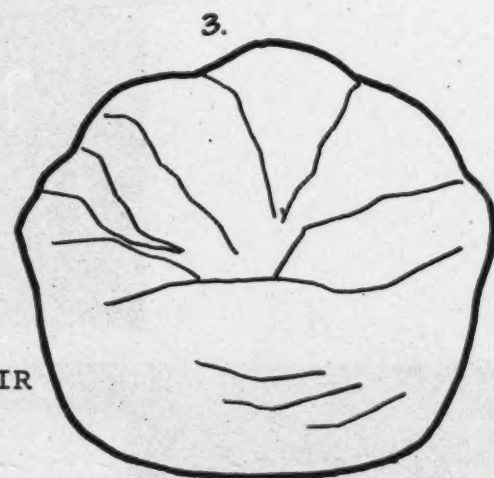
Eclectic Furniture

SKIDDABLE SEAT AND DESK



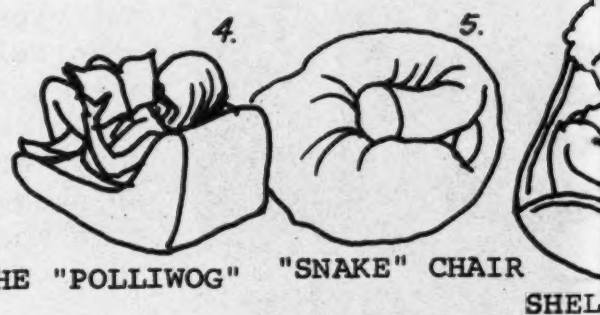
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In response to the demands of educators and the needs of the open-plan school, some furniture buyers are mixing the furniture from traditional manufacturers with a large variety of items not specifically designed for the school market. It is called the eclectic approach, and the choice of the right piece depends on individual needs. The result is a mixture of furniture which becomes exciting, variable, and lends itself to daily change.

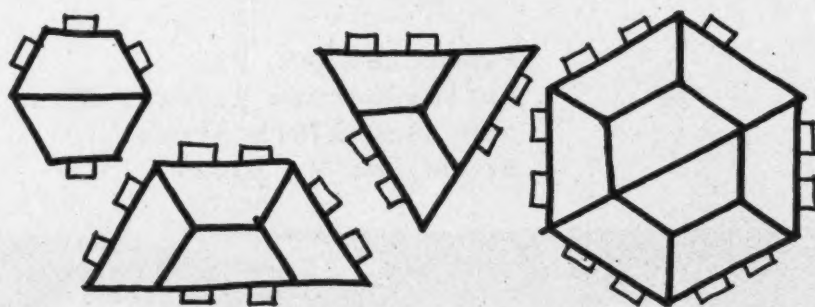
Seats are shaped as shells, bean-bags, snakes or polywogs, and are foldable, stackable, box-in-a-box or skiddable. Others, made of foam rubber or air inflated heavy-duty vinyl, are produced in a variety of shapes. Seats like these have different uses for different times of the day and are easily stored, deflated, or lumped into a corner when not needed. In other words, schools may still provide a seat for every child, but not necessarily the same type of seat.



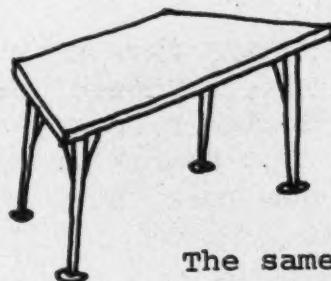
THE "POLLIWOG" "SNAKE" CHAIR

SHELL

Alternate configurations using the "trapezoid" table.



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BALANCE

The same goes for tables. Many have designed trapezoid, round, horseshoe, kidney-shaped, gular and square tables which serve alone but also fit together in alternative configurations to serve the needs of different size groups of children. Some, like the trizoid, can be converted to various shapes with the turn of a wrist.

BLOCK-AND-BOARD COMBINATION

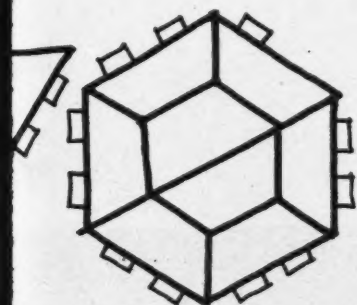
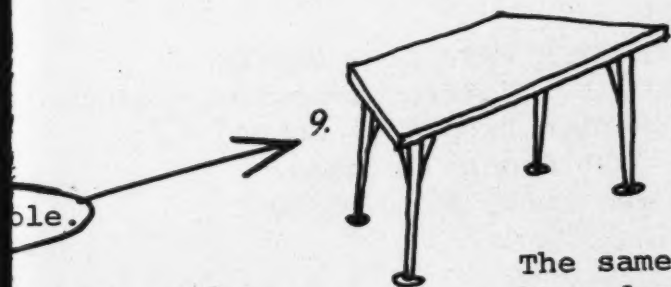
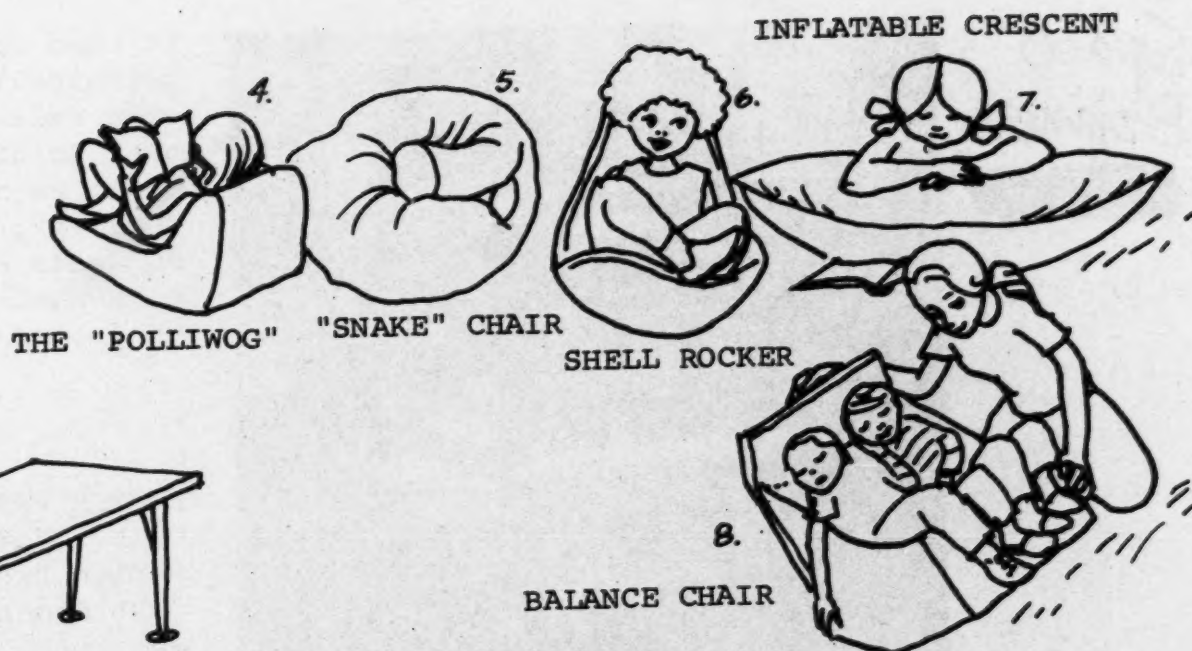


Much of the newer furniture is neither seat nor table, but so simple in form that it serves those and even more functions. Boxes and cubes, for example, are either tables, seats, stools, ladders or simply building blocks for play. Other units, like the mini-locker, are compact shapes that fold out when needed to serve multiple uses. More important, they are compact when not needed.

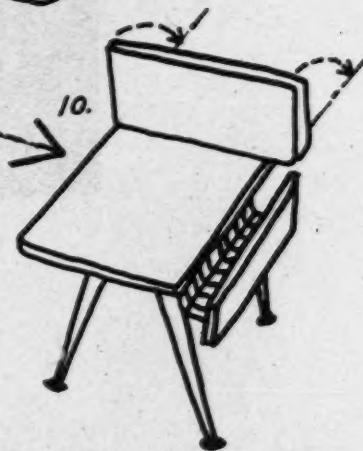
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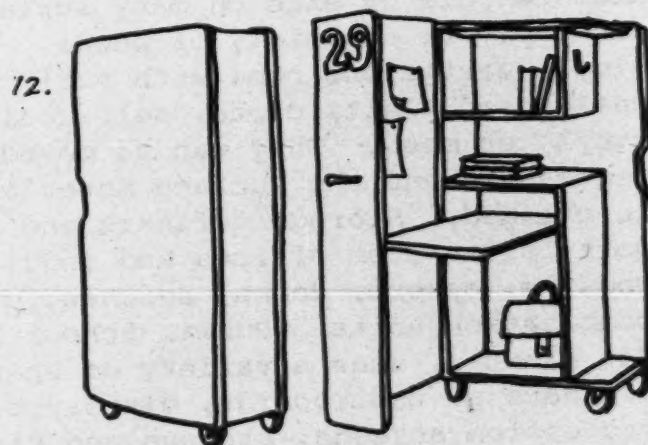
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Mini-locker folds out to become desk, shelving, storage and coat rack.

Space Definers



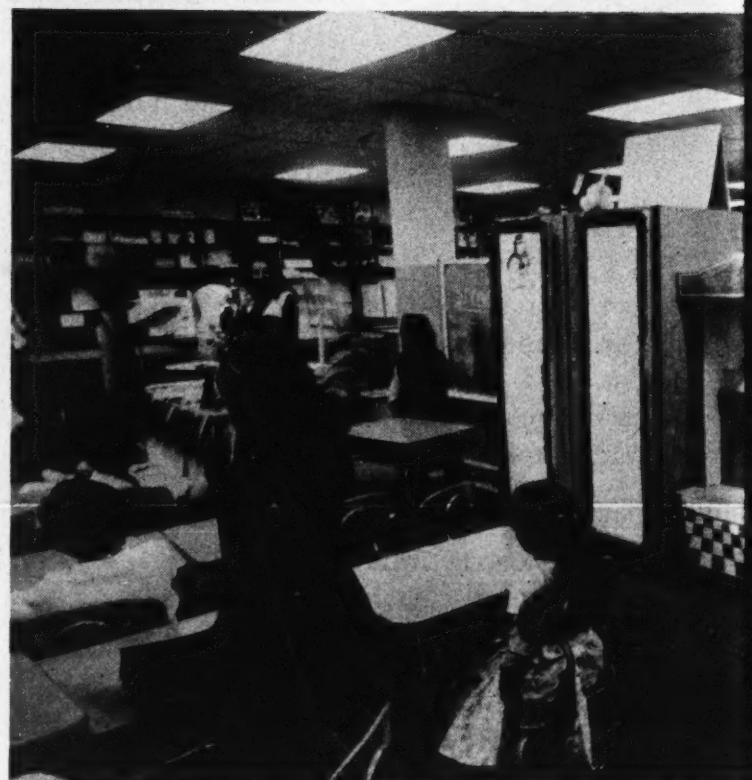
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It used to be that walls, dividers, were principally to separate one room from another, even called space dividers. Today, the need to divide space; they need to be as small as necessary and maybe even movable. Moreover, a wall that doesn't just divide, so needs to serve as something that fills these requirements. They come in a variety of styles.

HARLEM PREP HIGH SCHOOL
Write: Edward Carpenter, Headmaster
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Like seats and tables, space definers need to roll or skid on many surfaces and apply to a variety of needs. Today, simple partitions come with surfaces of chalkboard, felt, cloth, self-healing vinyl, or mesh. They can be moved, rearranged and the surface material can be changed. Storage definers and casework, often from offices and industry, come as lockers, desks, benches, or combination units. Public School 211, for example, uses a variety of space definers as chalkboards, display boards, projection screens, storage and visual partitions in order to convert a loft-type factory building into an open plan, bilingual elementary school.

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It used to be that walls, dividers and partitions were used principally to separate one space from another - they were even called space dividers. Today's teachers, however, don't need to divide space; they need to define it - as large or as small as necessary and maybe in alternative parts of the room. Moreover, a wall that doesn't do anything isn't functional and so needs to serve as something more than a divider. The furniture that fills these requirements we call space definers, and they come in a variety of styles and uses.

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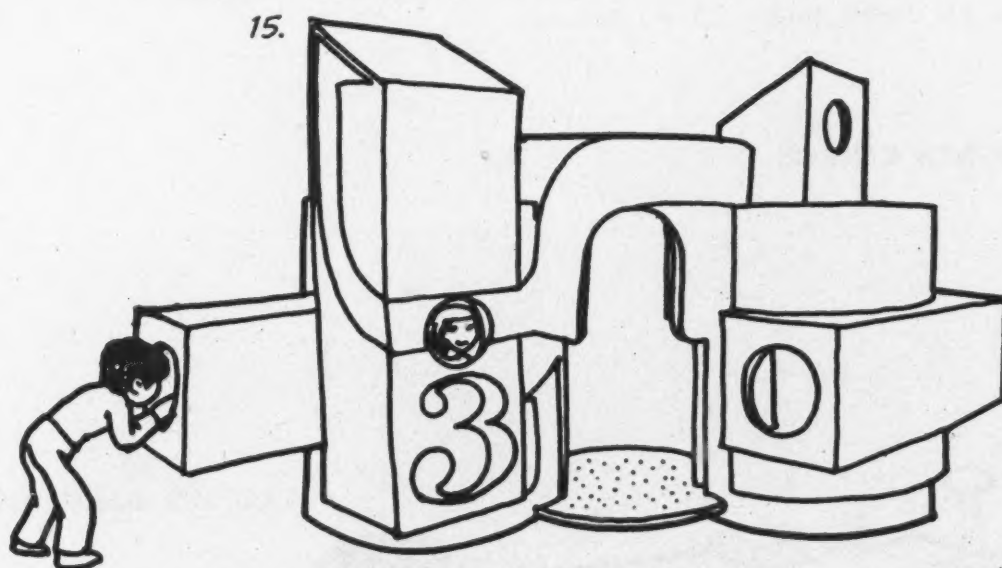
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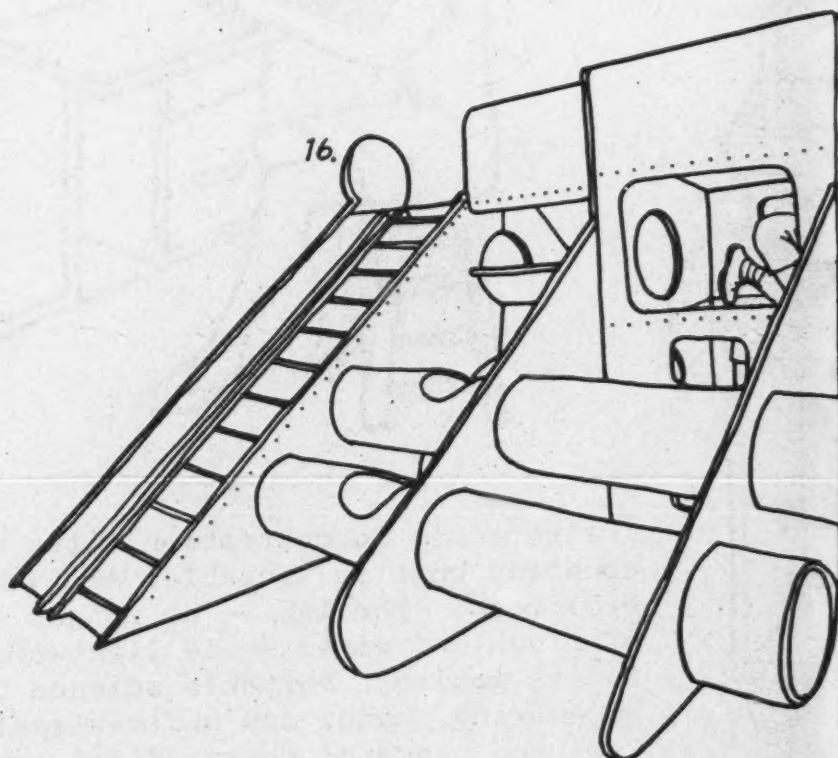
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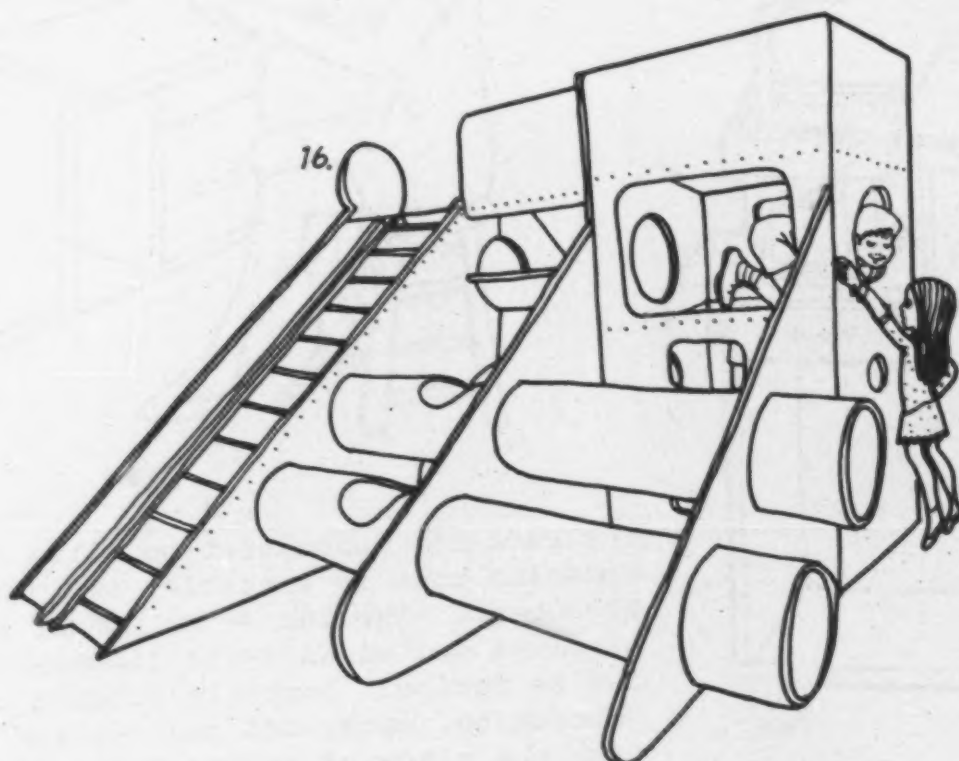
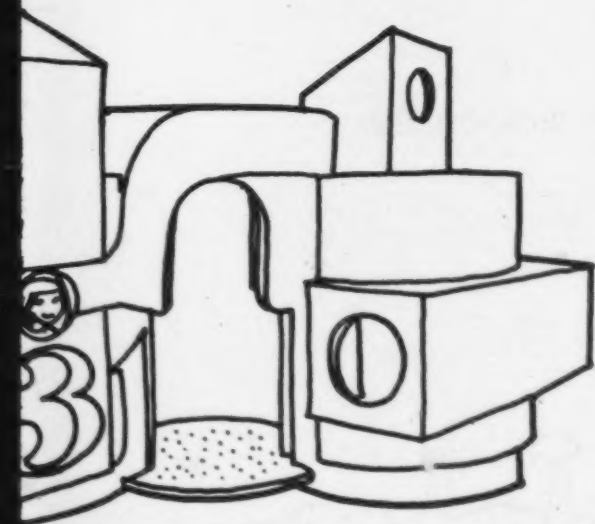
Sometimes, space definers approach architecture. The Casady School in Oklahoma City built a "dual individual learning module," a sculptured structure which not only defines space but encloses it as well. In it are two study carrels and various other enclosures (carpeted throughout) giving the child an island of privacy in a sea of activity. On the other hand, a physical activity unit at the Durham Child Development Center is designed to stimulate activity - making recreation and fun synonymous with learning. Units like these define space in three dimensions so that the space definer takes on a function of its own.

ACTIVITY STRUCTURE

Write: Lore Rasmussen, Project Director
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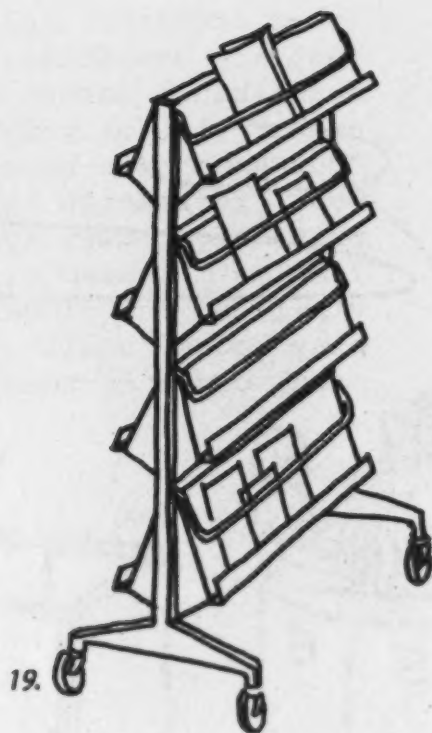
Other architectural space definers that are available from the school furnishings market can be used for either play or privacy. The "doughnut" can be a teaching area, seat, recreation equipment or a private get-away space. A hinged foam mat covered with colorful vinyl can be folded to become a play house, small group lecture area, couch or tumbling mat.



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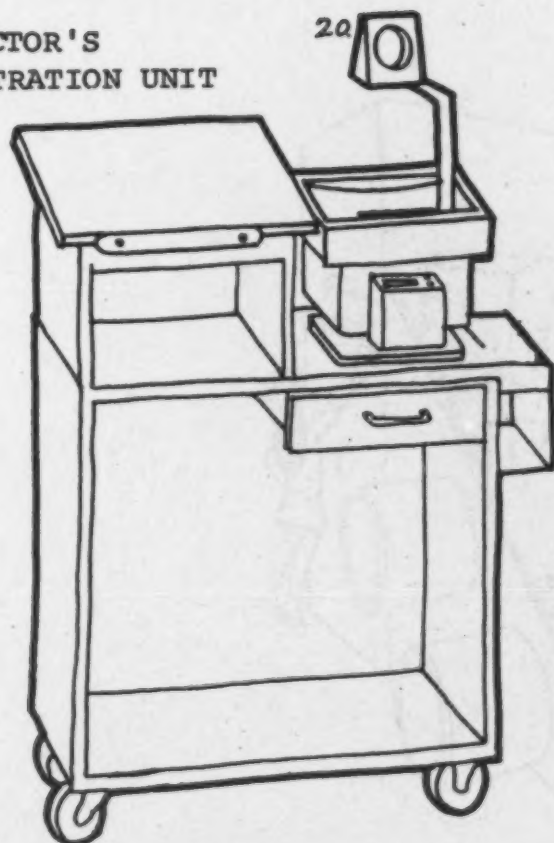
Mobile Furniture



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ROLL-AWAY RESOURCE CENTER

INSTRUCTOR'S
DEMONSTRATION UNIT



Instructor's demonstration units and language consoles come in lockable, skiddable units for broadcast. The lab — no longer rooted to the floor by plugs and wires — is lightweight and easy to move. Portable science tables, language, homemaking, math, and audio-visual carts take the place of heavy, fixed equipment.

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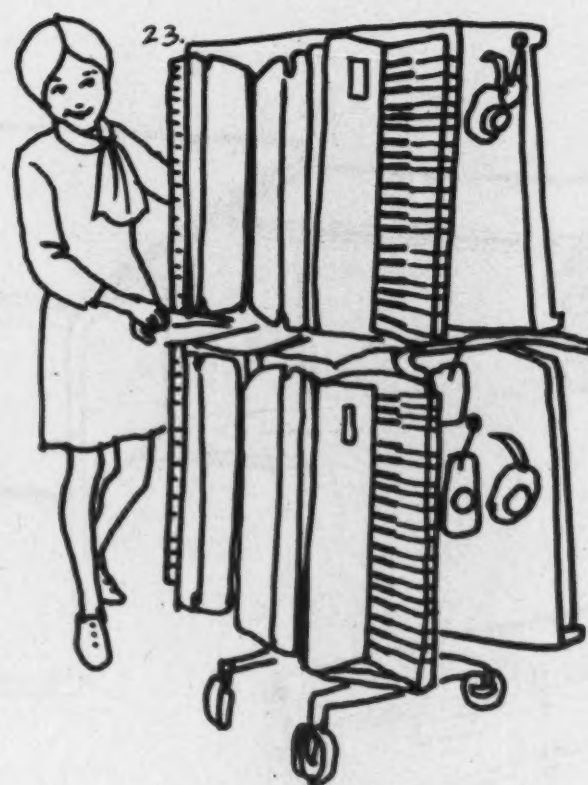
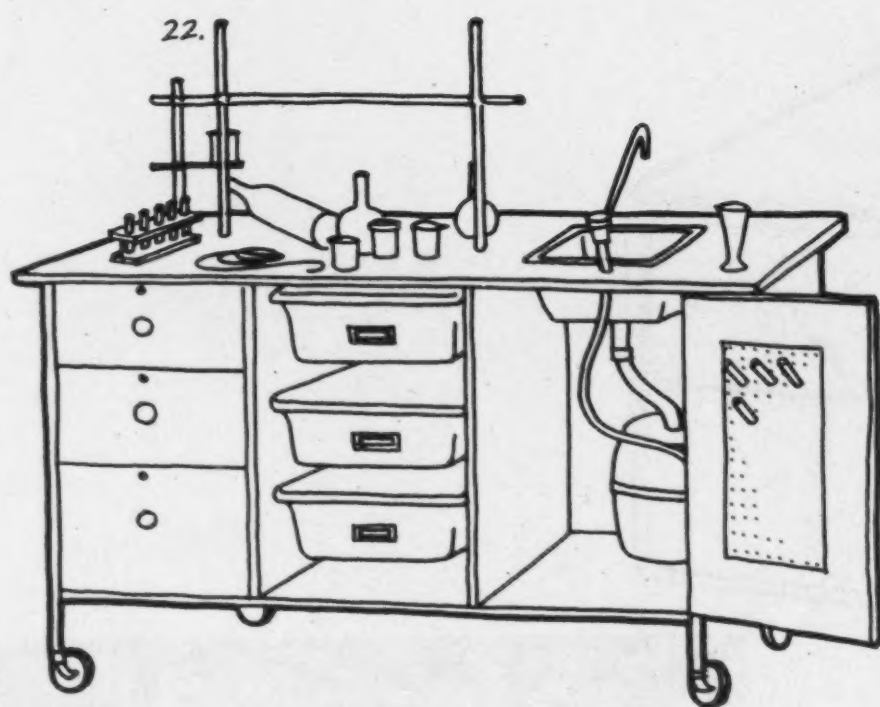
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TEACHER PLANNING STATION



Instructor's demonstration units and language lab control consoles come in lockable, skiddable units with shortwave broadcast. The lab — no longer rooted to a complex series of plugs and wires — is lightweight and simple enough to invite moving. Portable science tables, labs, mini-shops, homemaking, math, and audio-visual carts are beginning to take the place of heavy, fixed equipment at all levels.

PORTABLE SCIENCE CABINET

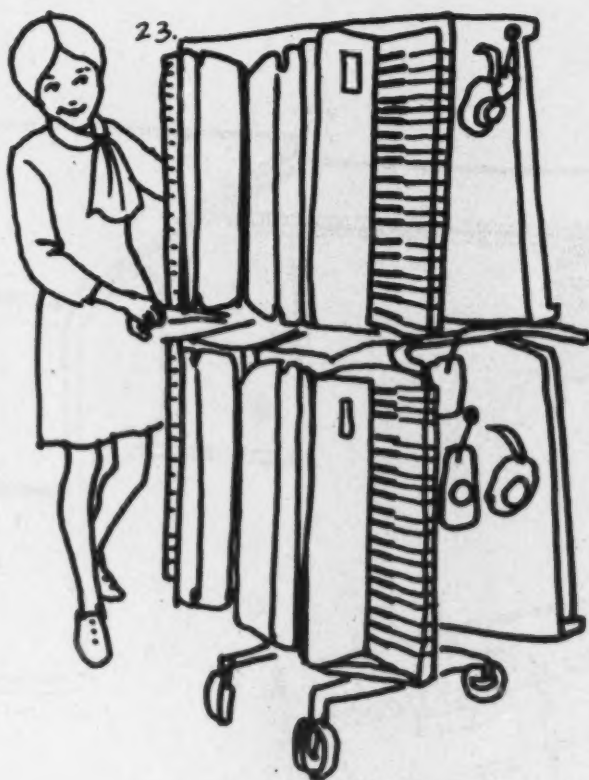


MUSIC LABORATORY

Some cabinetry on wheels is made as complete activity units for anatomy, carpentry, geography, crafts, and mechanical drawing. Other units, designed for the natural sciences, carry their own water supply and come with a variety of equipment for a mix of your own choosing. Science cabinets, for example, come completely portable with their own supply of water, gas, waste, and chemical storage. Communications canisters can be purchased with tape deck, radio, phonograph, and two-way broadcast. Other handy units range from a percussion center to a portable greenhouse. Thus, the proper choice of mobile furniture can put your space into an activity rather than pigeon-holing an activity into a space.



VIDEO TAPE RECORDING CENTER



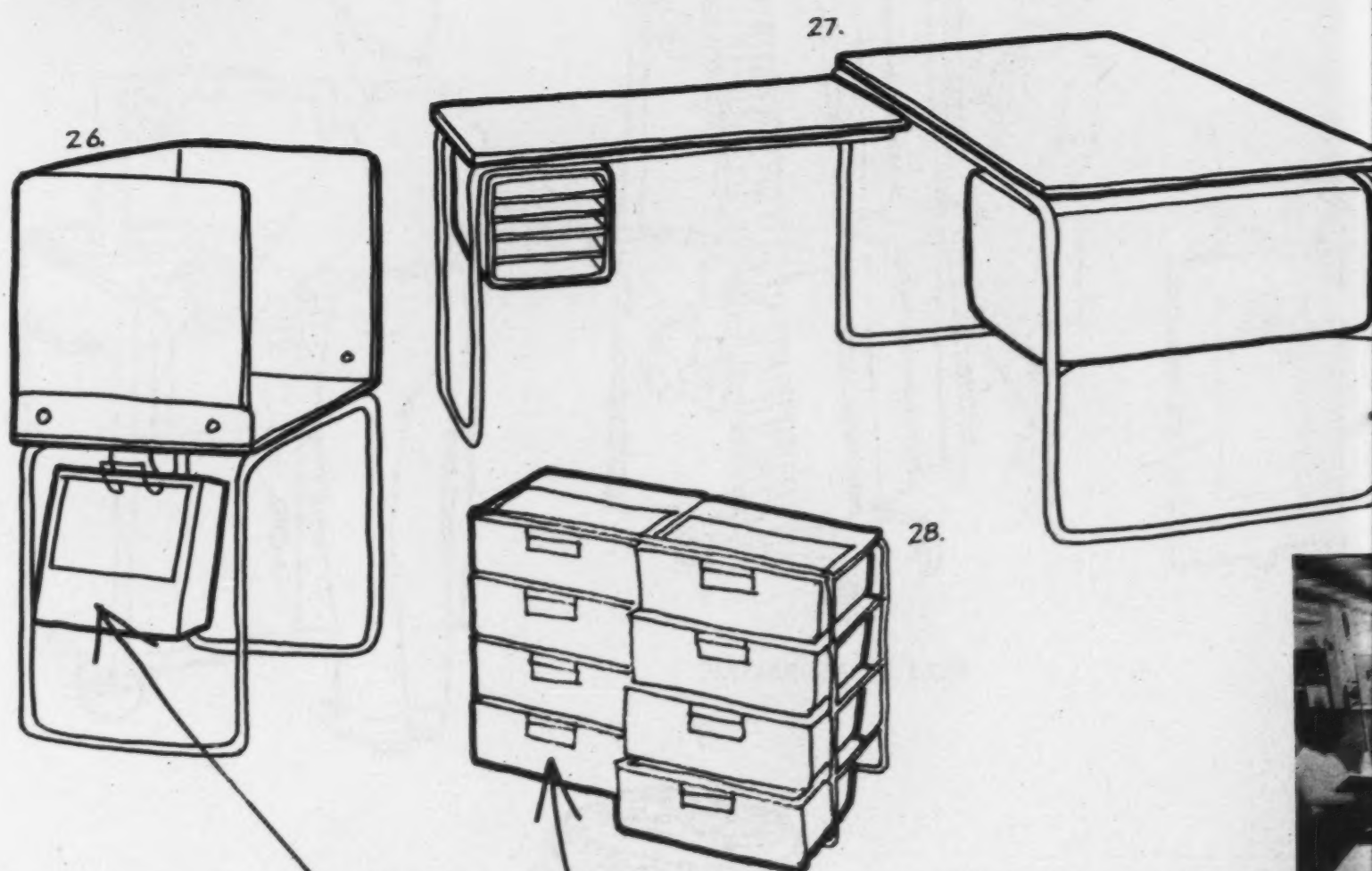
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Systems Furniture



The increased demand for total flexibility in casework and furniture has stimulated the design of systems furniture. Toronto's Study of Educational Facilities program* demanded a solution to casework and furniture for 2,000,000 square feet of new systems schools. The result is a line whose parts are wholly interchangeable. With the turn of a few screws, tables convert to study carrels, cabinets have drawers, shelves, racks, hooks, trays and/or doors. A place for each child is provided by a solid surface tote-box that stacks, hangs from any table or serves as a writing surface. Even the bases (wheels, skids or platforms) are interchangeable.

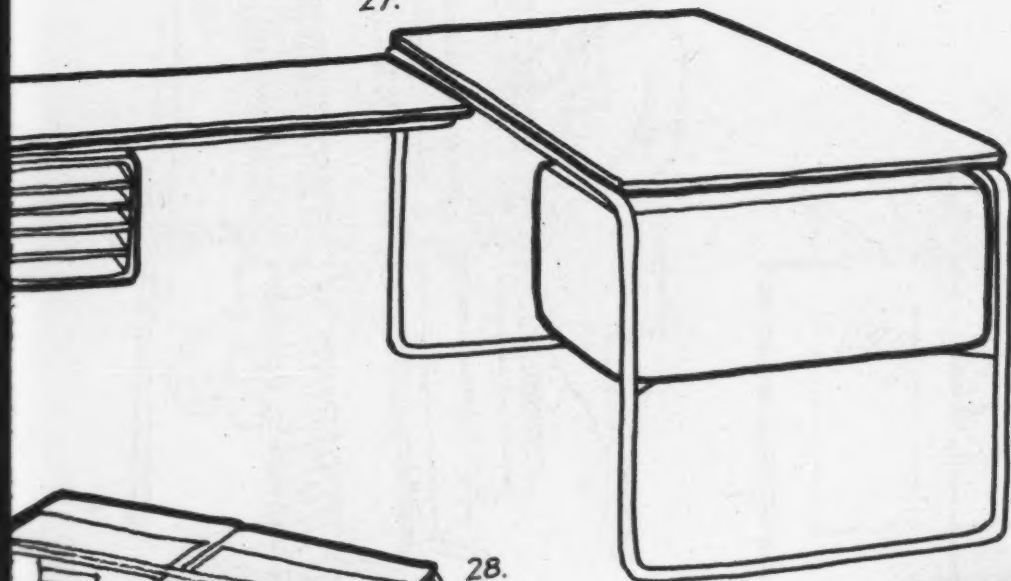
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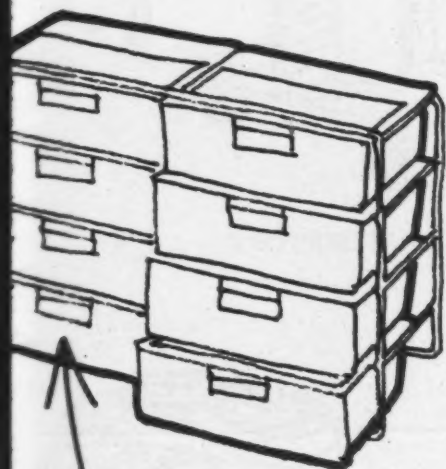
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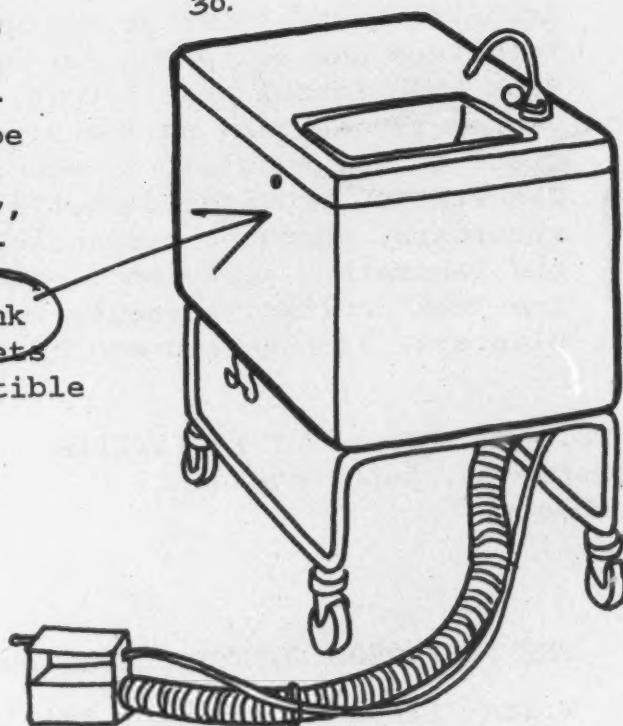
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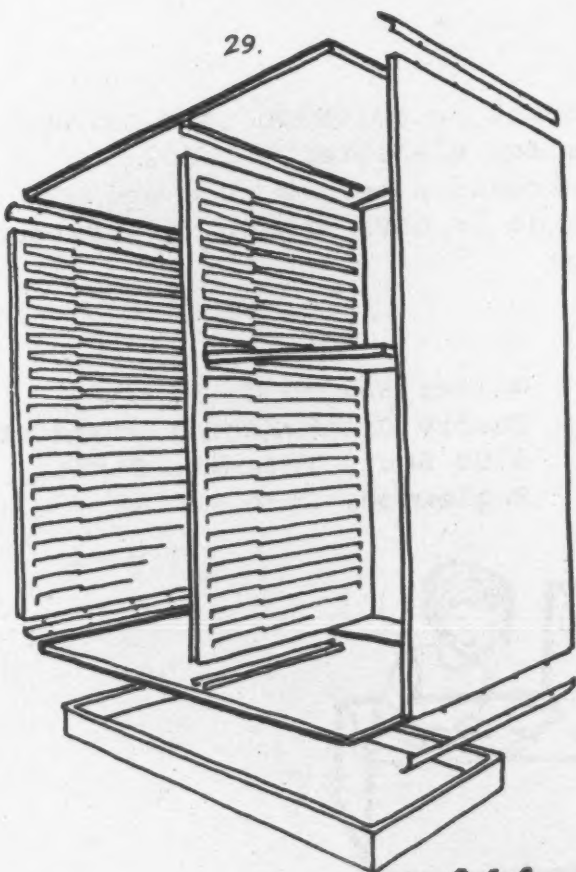
Toronto's systems furniture is constructed of plastic laminates with polyurethane foam cores. The lightweight boxes are available in varying sizes that may be used as bookcases, storage bins, files, cabinets or carts. Empty, they are washable, durable sandboxes, toys, tables or chairs. The systems include portable sink units which plug into wall outlets or fixed units, each with compatible panels interchangeable between combinations.

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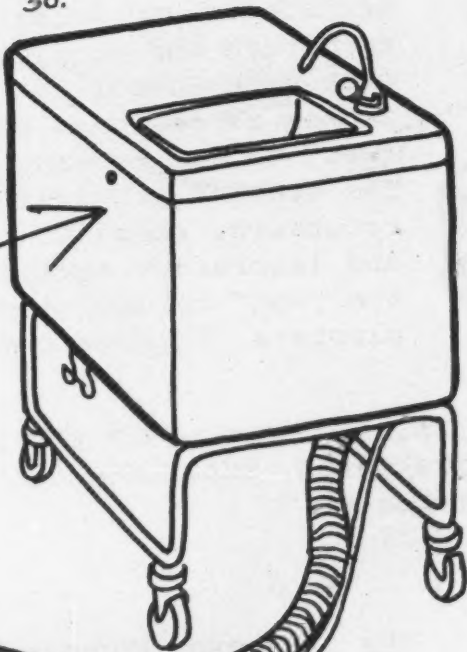


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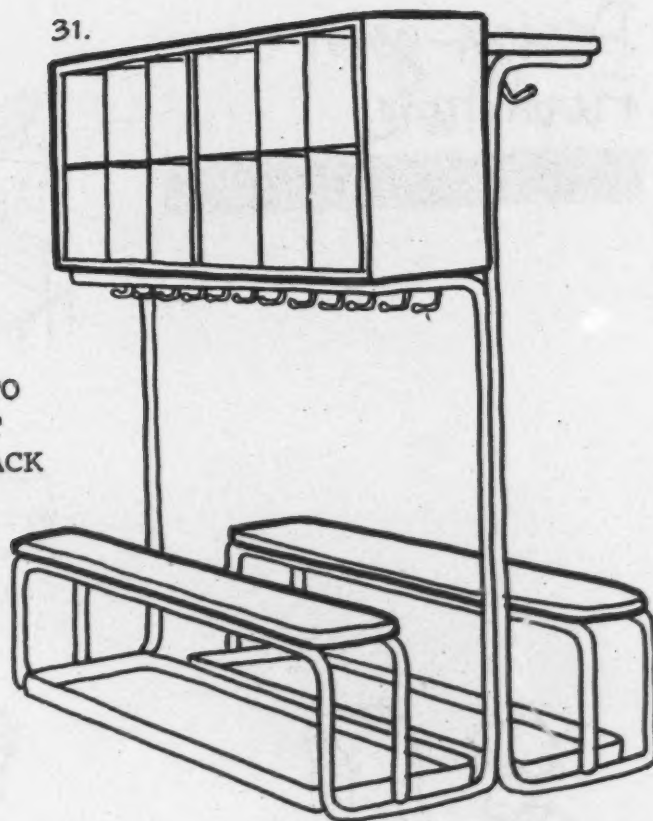
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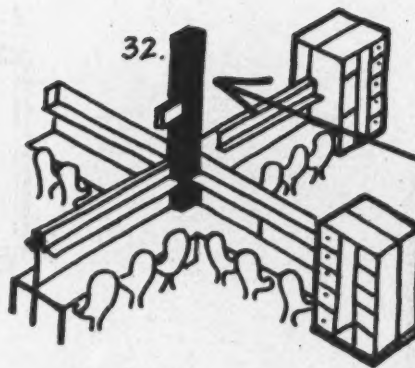
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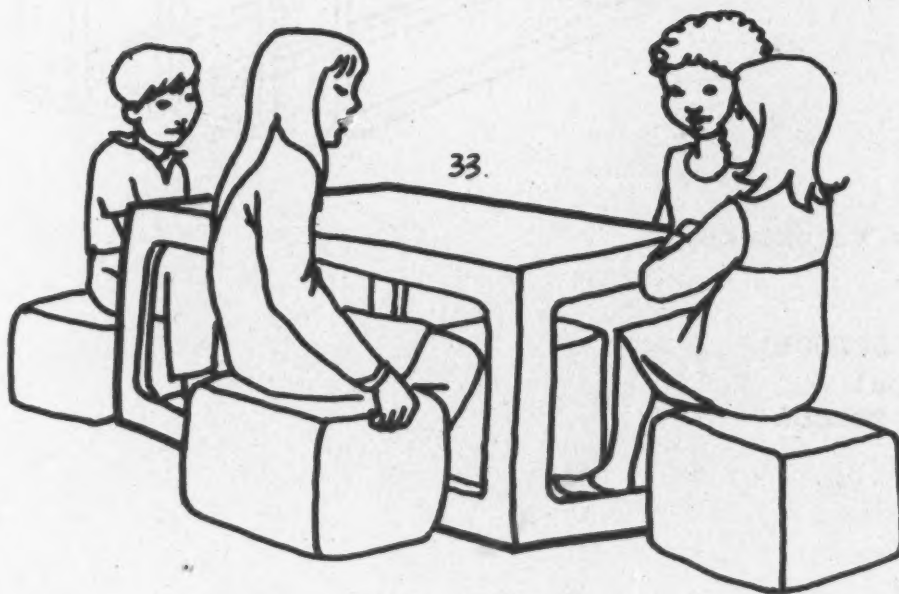
Furniture succeeds as a system when it is designed to meet rigid architectural performance specifications based on an educational program. There are many lines of furniture based on a systems approach available from a variety of manufacturers. Hence, the notion of simply constructed, compatible unit furniture is beginning to dot the schoolroom landscape. A buyer has the choice of the whole system or pieces of it. Therefore, because it's simple, easy to maintain, and useful, systems furniture is a must for investigation.

Design-your-own Furniture



Many schools experiment with Architects and interior design furniture and equipment for o Rock High School near Tacoma, Center is designed so learning "wet" column housing the elec The station provides cassette recorders, computer terminals and laboratory equipment. Ea the "wet" column, screens, wor planters, storage and conferen

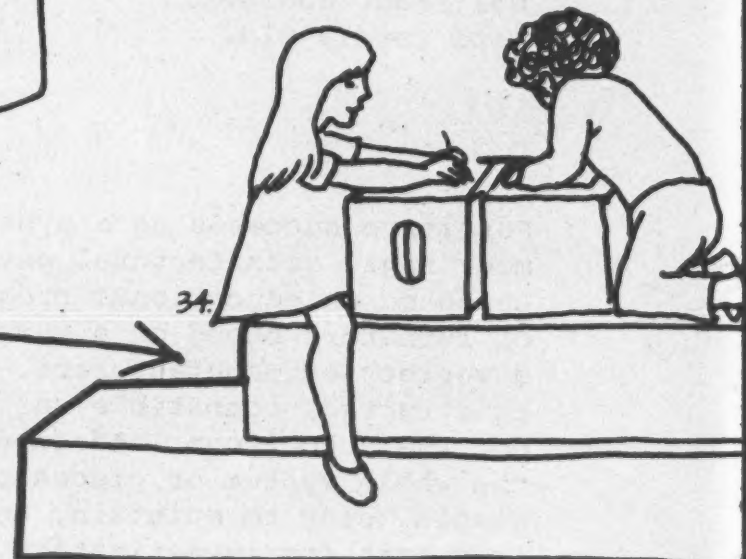
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Many schools experiment with individually designed furniture. Architects and interior designers are commissioned to design furniture and equipment for open plan schools. In the Castle Rock High School near Tacoma, Wash., the Student Learning Center is designed so learning stations are grouped around a "wet" column housing the electrical and plumbing services. The station provides cassette players, headsets, viewers, tape recorders, computer terminals, radio, television, typewriters and laboratory equipment. Each learning center consists of the "wet" column, screens, work tables, lockers, chairs, planters, storage and conference tables of various sizes.

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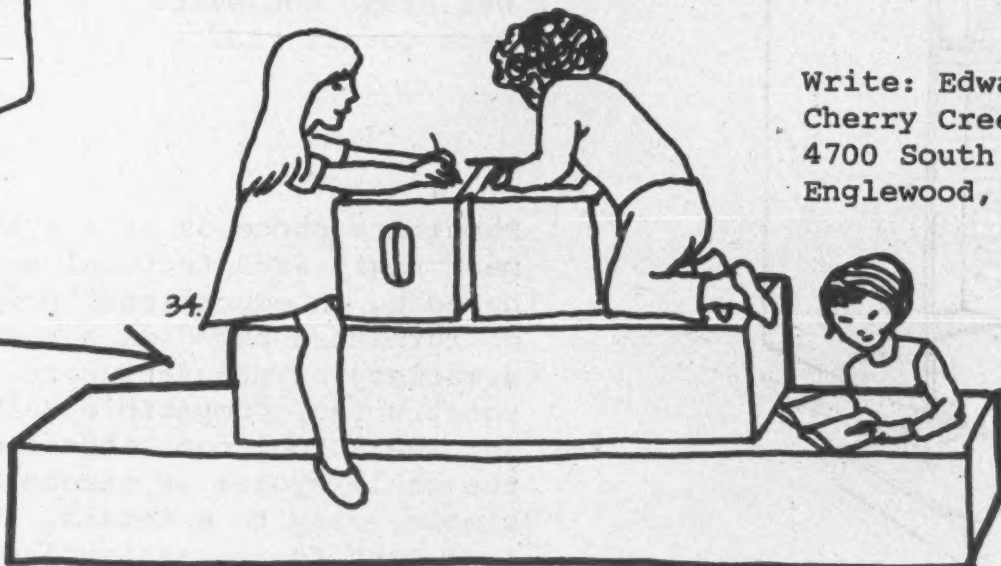
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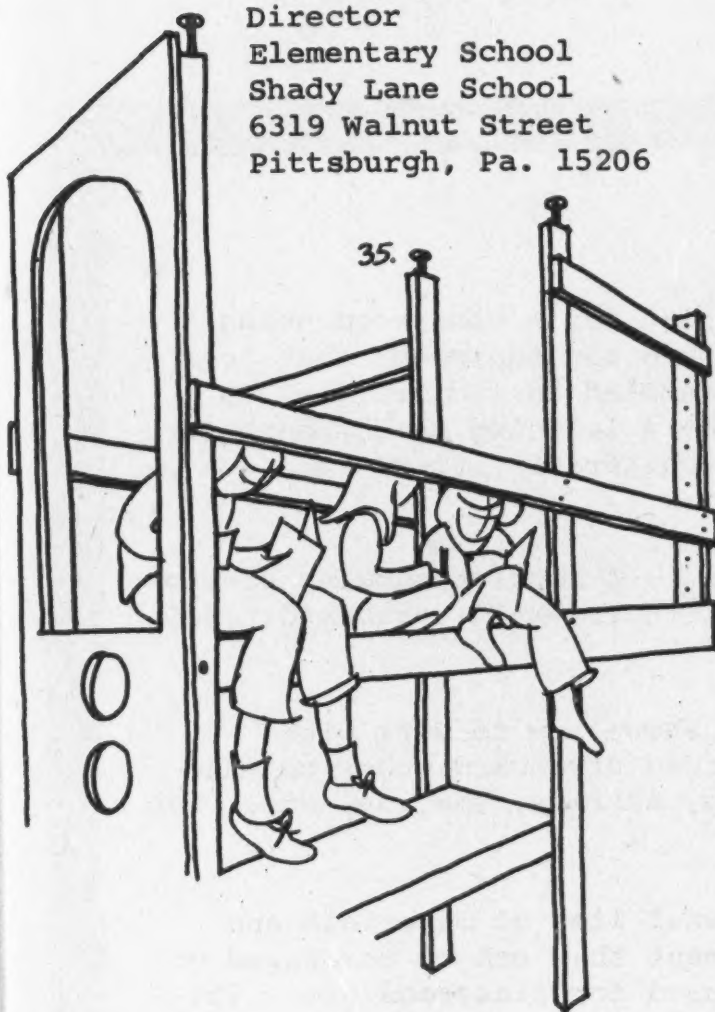
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The Jefferson County School District in Colorado commissioned an architect to design furniture for elementary school youngsters. Two basic shapes emerged: a hollow cube and a slab-like table. On each, one side is hard enough for writing and another is hollow for storage.

Write: Edward C. Pino
Cherry Creek School District
4700 South Yosemite Street
Englewood, Colo. 80110



TREE HOUSE STUDY UNIT
Write: Lynn Raphael
Director
Elementary School
Shady Lane School
6319 Walnut Street
Pittsburgh, Pa. 15206



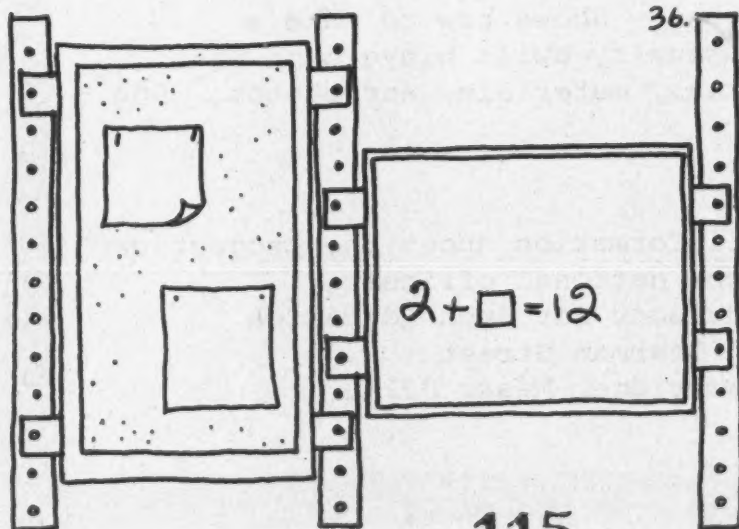
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*See: 3.OPEN PLAN, p.32

CLEAR CREEK SECONDARY SCHOOL
Write: Robert F. Metzler, Superintendent
Clear Creek Public Schools
Idaho Springs, Colo. 80452

PERCH CHAIR

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EVERYWHERE SCHOOL ADJUSTABLE-REMOVABLE DISPLAY BOARDS

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Hartford Design Group
470 Asylum Street
Hartford, Conn. 06103

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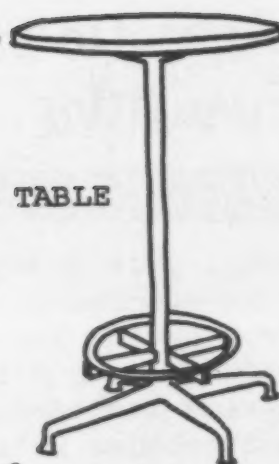
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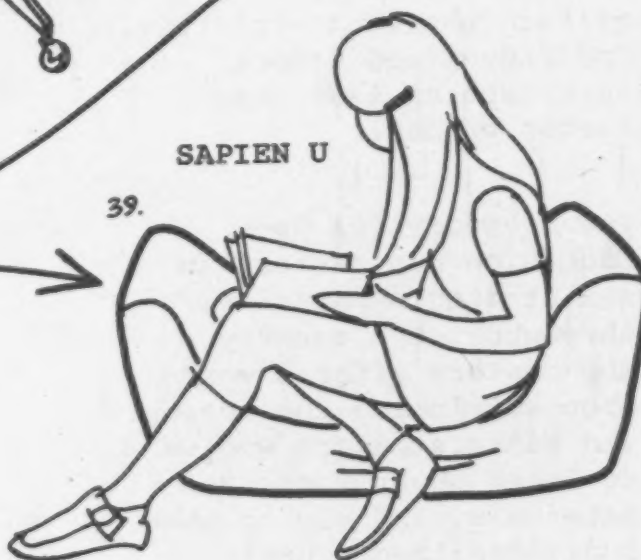
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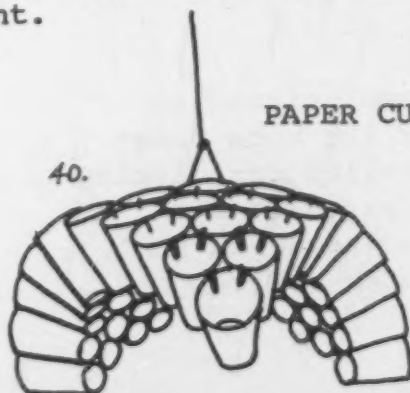
The Everywhere School in Hartford, Conn., commissioned an
 architect to design adjustable furniture for its home base*
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 inexpensive materials in units that can be adjusted to suit
 various ages and activities. A local carpenter built the
 furniture.

*See: 6.REACHOUT SCHOOLS, p.88

Make-Your-Own Furniture

Well, it's a short (and economical) step from having furniture made to your design to making it yourself. And because it's not easy, there are several sources of help around for the "do-it-yourselfer" who wants creative, individualized school furniture at less than market prices.

The Advisory for Open Education has centers in six strategic locations throughout the country. The centers offer a workshop curriculum for teachers and administrators who want to learn about tools and materials, and how to make individualized school furniture. The centers also distribute publications on how to make school furniture and equipment.



PAPER CUP MOBILE

Approximation #1 - A plan for furniture that can be assembled by young children to provide a learning environment.

Building With Cardboard - A plan for work with cardboard.

Building With Tubes - A plan for stools, made from discarded tubes.

Materials List - A list of useful equipment and materials for purchase.

Building a Playground - A plan for community plans, made from discarded materials.

These and further information can be obtained from the National Advisory for Open Education, 90 Sherman Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Approximation #1 - A plan for a classroom using furniture and equipment that "can be assembled in limited time to provide a learning environment for young children." \$1.00

Building With Cardboard - A booklet showing how to work with Tri-Wall cardboard. 60¢

Building With Tubes - Shows how to work with discarded cardboard tubes to make stools, cubbies, shelves, etc. 60¢

Materials List - A useful list of materials and equipment that can be scrounged or purchased for classroom use. 50¢

Building a Playground - Shows how to make a community-built playground with plans, materials, and photos. 50¢

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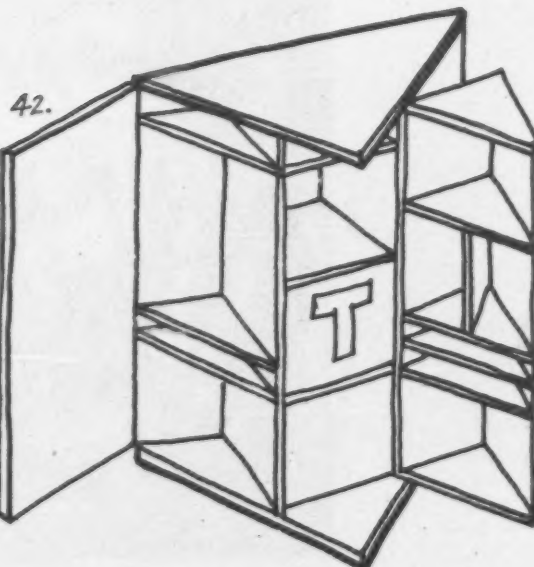
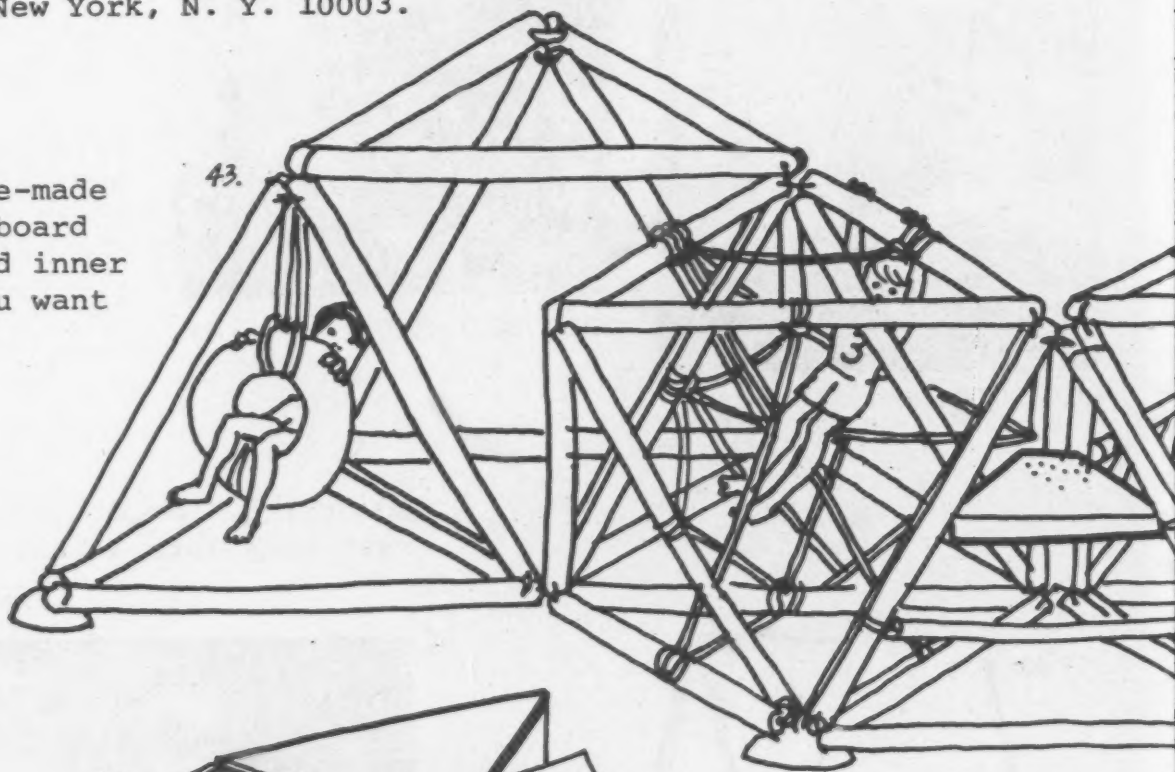
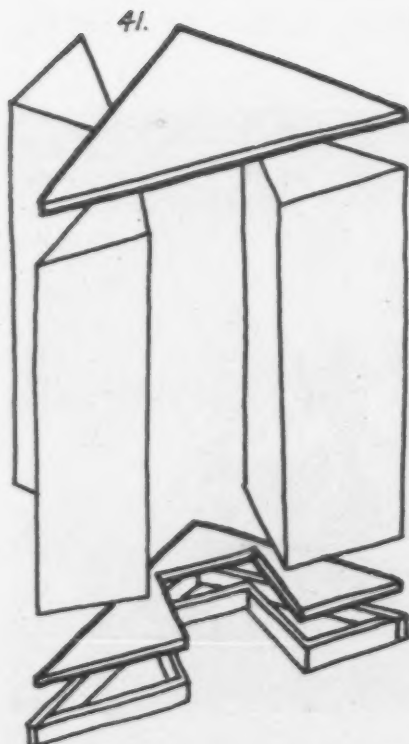
Advisory for Open Education
90 Sherman Street
Cambridge, Mass. 02140

Robert Mangurian and the staff and students of Schoolworks are developing a Primer on Making Places for Small People. While carefully developing the attitude of making the user an implementor rather than passive client, the book tells you where to find the materials and how to construct your own imaginative furniture for nurseries and early learning centers. It's made of inner tubes, carpet rollers, ropes, and other cast-off or easily obtainable materials. Its use in a classroom provides indoor playgrounds, projection screens, individual tree-house units, and semi-enclosed small-group instruction areas, all compatible with the trend toward multi-use furniture and indoor physical education equipment.* Information and the book from: Robert Mangurian, Schoolworks, 33 Union Square West, New York, N. Y. 10003. \$2.00 per copy

* See also Physical

EDUCATION SPACE-FRAME

A self-supporting, home-made structure made of cardboard carpet tubes, rope, and inner tubes. As large as you want for less than \$100.

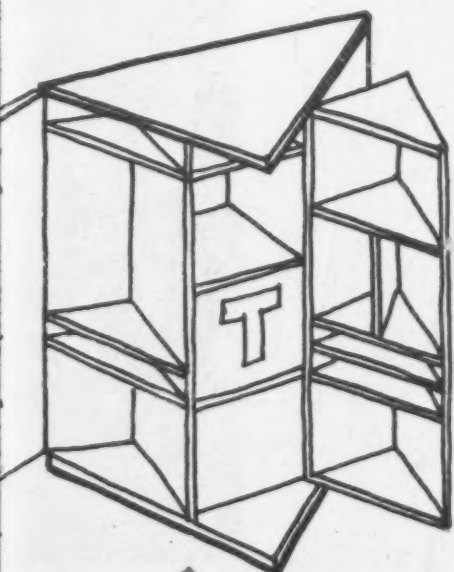
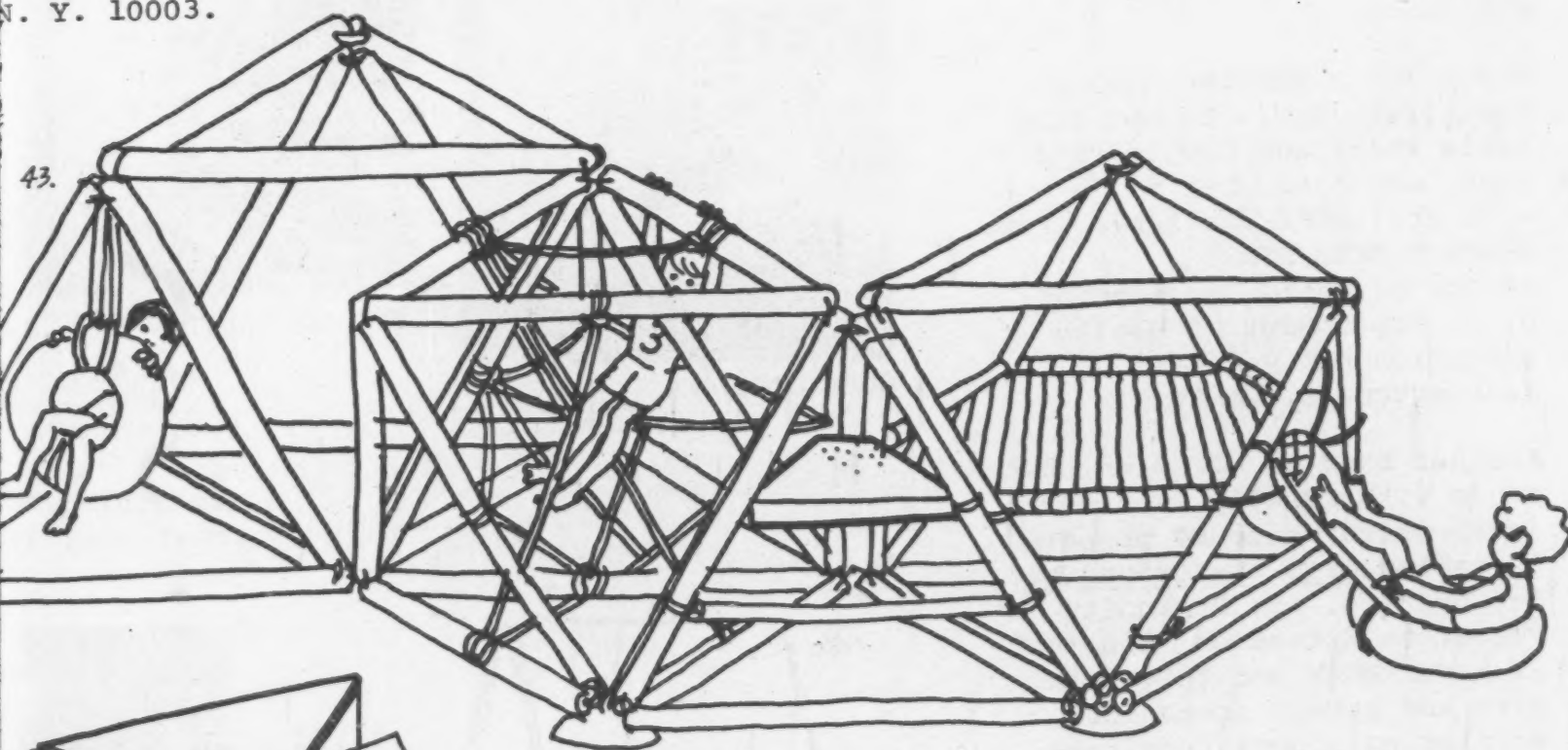


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Found Furniture

Some schools are turning to junk and found objects for furniture and school equipment. To this end, there are some excellent sources of information available.

Write for a booklet called Beautiful Junk. It not only tells where and how to find junk, but also what to do with it. It's available from: PROJECT HEAD START Office of Child Development U. S. Department of Health Education and Welfare Washington, D. C. 20201

Another book of ideas on what to do with readily available, inexpensive or found objects is called From the Ground Up. The writers, the Community Education Extension, consider it a workbook and they both give and accept ideas for developing school furniture.

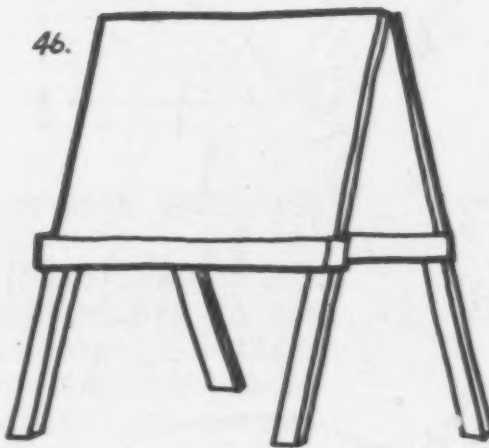
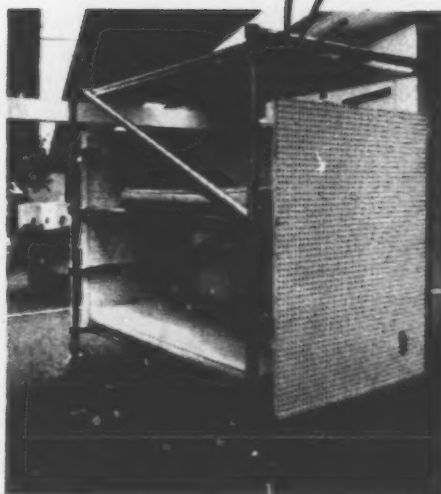


ILLUSTRATION OF HOME-MADE ART EASEL
From the Ground Up, p. 68

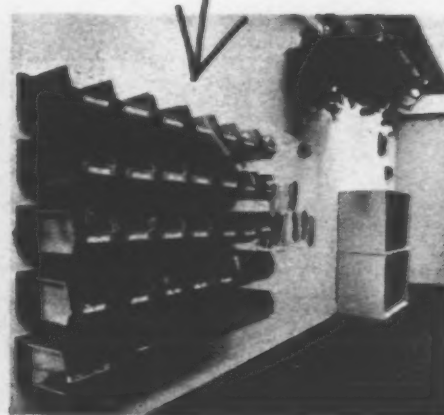
Write: Community Education Extension
418 South Gallatin Street
Jackson, Miss. 32903

Portable industrial furniture is beginning to appear in the classroom. The Acorn School in New York City has used industrial scaffolding on wheels with beds, desks, cubbies, storage and other items. Spotlights used on trucks have proved to be a handy item on the wall, and plastic tool trays on the floor - from paint to spent chewing gum - another handy industrial item.



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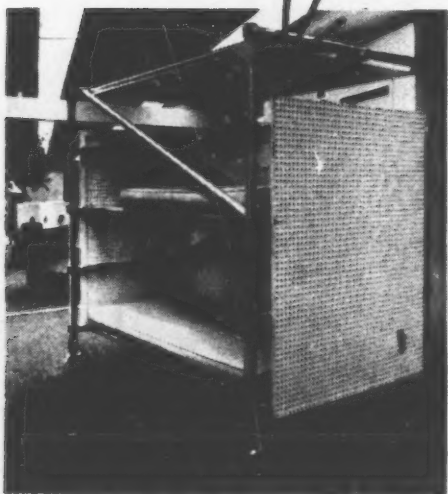
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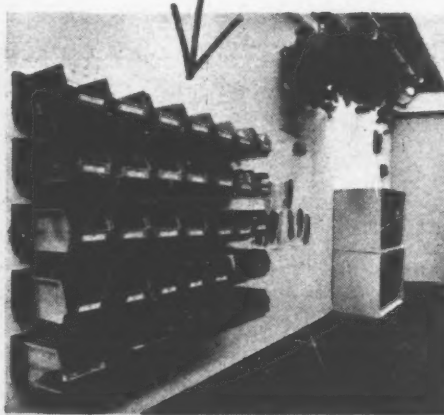
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Portable industrial furniture is beginning to move into the classroom. The Acorn School in New York City, for example, uses industrial scaffolding on wheels with interchangeable parts for beds, desks, cubbies, storage and other handy uses. The swingout spotlights used on trucks have proved versatile when mounted on the wall, and plastic tool trays on tracks keep everything off the floor - from paint to spent chewing gum. Supermarket carts are another handy industrial item.



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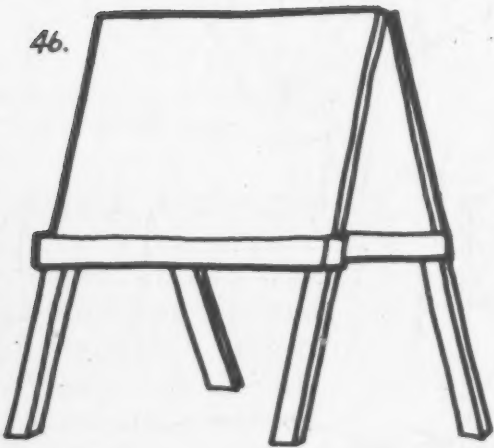
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Write:
Doris Schwartz, Director
Acorn School
330 East 26th Street
New York, N. Y. 10010

Something "found" you already have? Turn a seat rack into a bus, ship, train or plane.

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One final idea for furniture is the notion of the Kit-of-Parts. Burnside Manor,* a converted catering establishment in New York City, has been modernized into a new and quite viable elementary school. Since the space and vaulting in the building contributed to a warm, social atmosphere too nice to disturb, a kit-of-parts of furniture was developed so that it carried the burden of the school design. Drawing on many of the concepts in this chapter, a selection of furniture was ordered as a kit. When the furniture is moved in, the space becomes a school. If the school decides to move, the kit is simply moved out, leaving Burnside Manor, or any other space for that matter, much the same as it was before the parts were moved in.

*See: 1.FOUND SPACE, p.9

Write:

Della Lee, Principal
Burnside Manor Elementary School
85 West Burnside Avenue
Bronx, N. Y. 10453

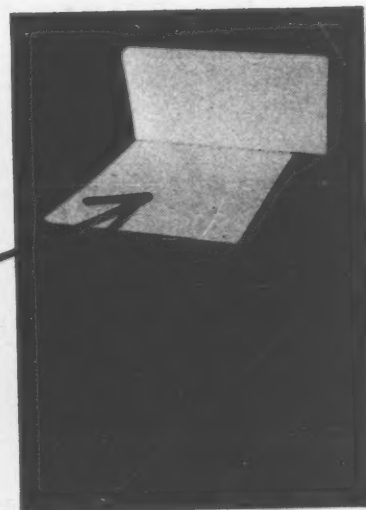


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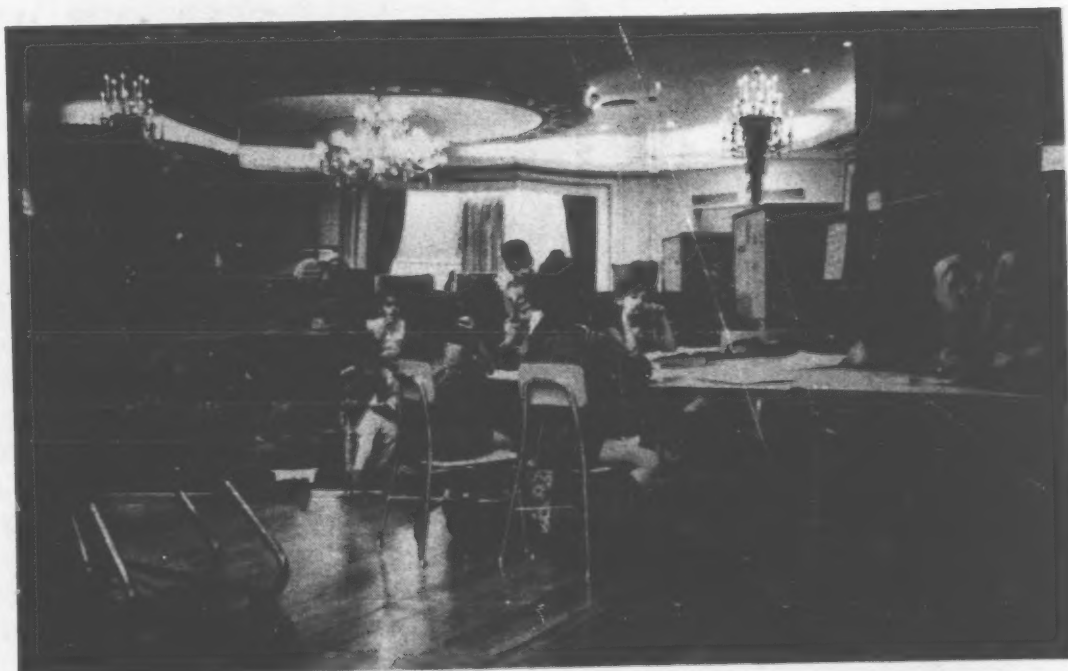


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Conclusion

Furniture is, indeed, a rapidly changing aspect of school facilities. We can expect that in the future, school furniture will become an integral part of the design and development of school buildings. It will have noise-absorbing qualities. It will be part of a systems grouping. It will be simple in shape, light in weight, mobile and have multiple purposes. Above all, it will help to create a warm, inviting environment for learning.



Where to Find Furniture

HOME FURNISHINGS MARKET

Check your local contemporary design stores, department stores and furniture stores.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS MARKET

Industrial items often have extra usefulness. If you notice something at a construction site, a supermarket, a loading dock or on a truck that might be useful to you, ask where they got it.

SCHOOL FURNISHINGS MARKET

Read current magazines such as School Product News (information about school equipment and furniture only) and education magazines such as Nation's Schools, American School and University, American School Board Journal, School Management, and others, which often have regular columns on new products.

Look for the reader service cards which can be returned for more information on furniture and equipment mentioned in the magazine.

Check into special education furniture; some of it is applicable to regular schools and unique in its approach.

CUSTOM DESIGN

Ask an architect to design your furniture, or check with your local school of architecture -- some will accept design projects for their students. Check also with your local schools of interior design -- students also have design projects. If your local college or university has a home economics department offering interior design courses, it can often be a rich source of information on furniture.

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FURNITURE AVAILABILITY LIST

Furniture pictured in the preceding text is keyed by number to this list. A rapidly expanding school furnishings market, however, should make this list obsolete within a few months.

Home Furnishings Market

Items # 2, 3, 48

Industrial Products Market

Items # 44, 45, 48

School Furnishings Market

Items # 1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 46, 48

Custom Design

Items # 5, 11, 12, 13, 15, 16, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 47, 48

BUYING NOVEL FURNITURE

Sometimes choosing non-standard furniture is easier than buying it, especially when only one company manufactures an item. When faced with office procedures that demand competitive bidding, three courses are open.

1. Compare prices for similar items, e.g., a 'polliwog' with a snake chair.
2. Budget the item as experimental. If it's good, there will be competition next time you shop.
3. Or, don't buy all you need. Save part of the budget until you see what children and teachers really need in specific areas.

For more information on sources for school furniture:

1. Write: Dave McCurrach, Executive Vice President
National School Supply and Equipment Company
79 West Monroe Street
Chicago, Ill. 60603
2. Check: Sweet's Interior Design File
Published by McGraw-Hill Information
Systems Company annually.
3. Check: Educator's Purchasing Master
Published by the Fisher Publishing Company
3 West Princeton Avenue, Englewood, N.J. 07631
4. Attend: Convention of the American Association
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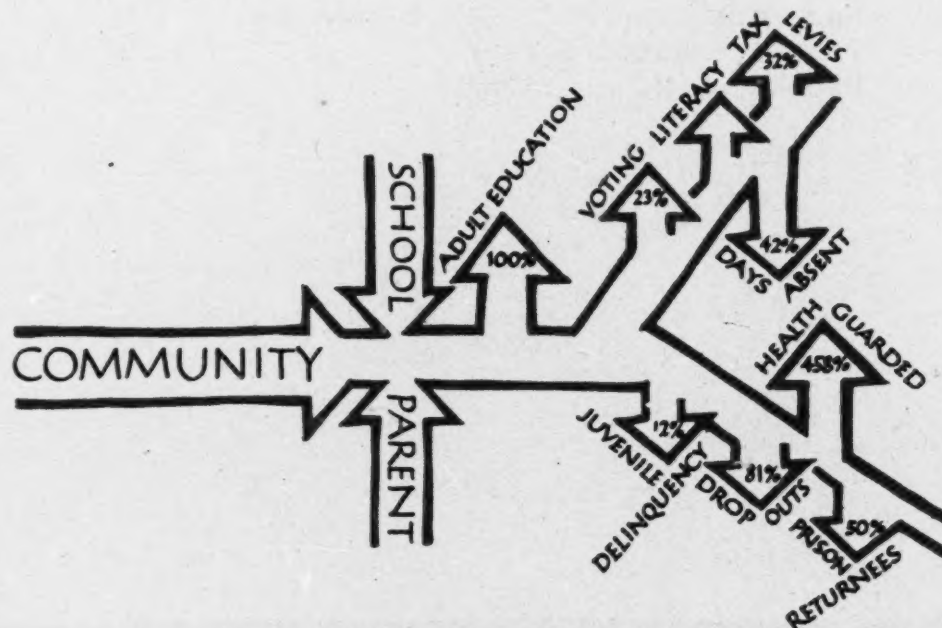
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5. COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A community/school is a place in which education of children and activities of a community occur either alternately or simultaneously. Senior citizen entertainment, community theater, social services and recreation have been happening in school auditoriums, cafeterias, gymnasiums and classrooms. Today, new community needs and the need for better schools are being answered together in the design of a new multi-purpose service unit -- the community/school. Besides bringing together unrelated groups whose combined resources can provide spaces none could have afforded separately, there is another compelling reason for economic cooperation: the marriage of public funds and operations from several sectors promises a better value for the public dollar, more efficient use of space, smoother operation, and last but not least, more effective joint programming. In short, whatever the need of the community, the schools are a likely partner for the solution. The design of the resulting multi-purpose space is becoming versatile enough to meet the requirements of both the community and its children.

Community education, since the 1930's, has demonstrated its doors to the community, and society the winner is produced. It is open twelve or more hours a day for all the members of the community. Insurance may go down dramatically. School districts provide a variety of agency programs and urban community projects. It can be shared among agencies, nor is it for its design. community/school needs and resources are an expanding community. It comes up with a unique system. Considering, because schools meeting

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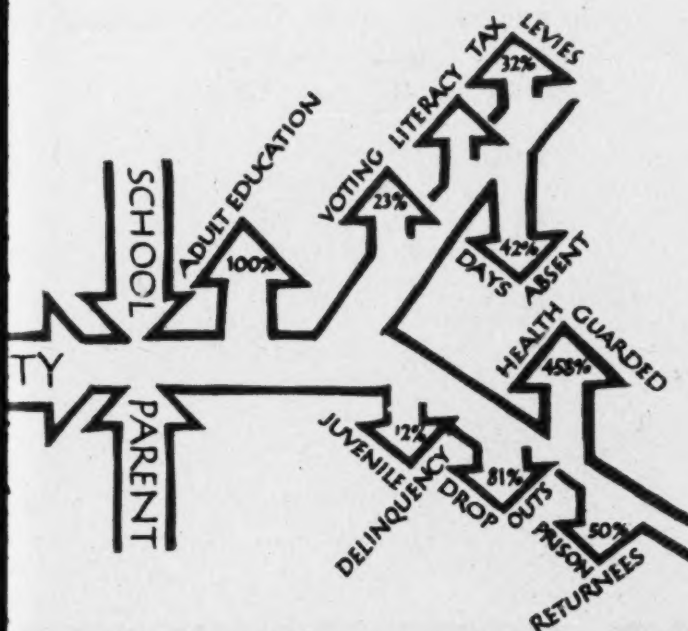


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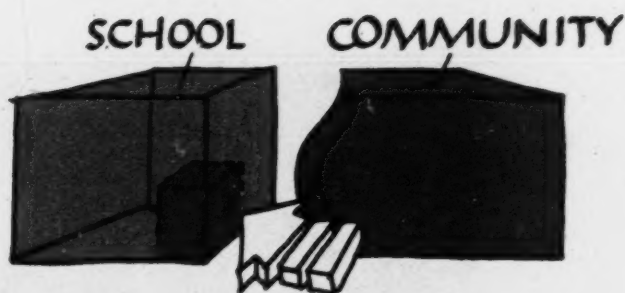
Community education, which began in the 1930's, has demonstrated that when a school opens its doors to the community, the school, the community, and society in general come out ahead; but the winner is probably the school. When a school is open twelve or more hours a day and has programs for all the members of its community, liability insurance may go up, but the cost of vandalism goes down dramatically. Bond issues pass more readily. School districts find that federal monies from a variety of agencies (such as the Model Cities Program and urban renewal) are available for community projects. Financing of community/schools can be shared among several agencies: for example, between the board of education and the city recreation department. The best community/school does not necessarily have the largest mixture of local agencies, nor is there any one ideal combination for its design. The program and architecture of a community/school must vary with its own particular needs and resources.* To meet the requirements of an expanding community program, many schools have come up with an innovative design to meet their own unique system. The following examples are worth considering, because they are in the vanguard of schools meeting the demands of an expanding clientele.

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Flint, Mich., with help from the Mott Foundation has run a community school program since 1935. The city has documented social improvement patterns and compared them with national averages. The diagram shows, for example, that adult education in Flint increased 100% more than the average for the country, and that school absences dropped 42% below the average.

The Community Moves Inside the Schools:



It's the design, funding, and management techniques of the community/school that are new, not the community program. Elements of community education have been used in Flint, Mich., since 1935. All 56 public schools in Flint offer their services to all members of their community from the unborn to the aged. Under the support of the Mott Foundation, community groups in Flint use the schoolhouse and its equipment after hours to offer adult education, skills courses, vocational training, practical nursing and extensive summer programs. Akron, Ohio, has done the same with state support. Because of years of experience in community education, both cities have a wealth of information available about community programming. For further information, write:

Peter Clancy
Associate Superintendent
for the Mott Program
Flint Board of Education
923 East Kearsley Street
Flint, Mich. 48502

Charles J. Maggio
Director, Extended Services
Akron Public Schools
70 North Broadway
Akron, Ohio 44308

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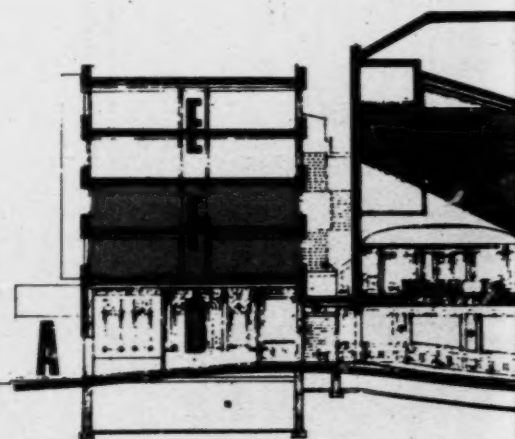
The Community School: Basic Concepts, Function, and Organization, by W. Fred Totten and Frank J. Manley, published by the Allied Education Council, Galien, Mich. 49113, in 1969. \$7.95

The Community and the Schools, Harvard Educational Review's Reprint Series, No. 3, 1969. Available from Harvard Educational Review, Longfellow Hall, 13 Appian Way, Cambridge, Mass. 02138. \$3.50

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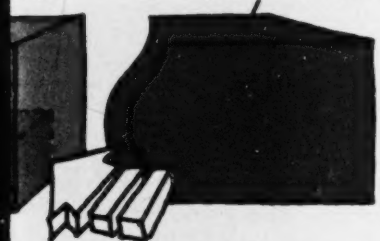
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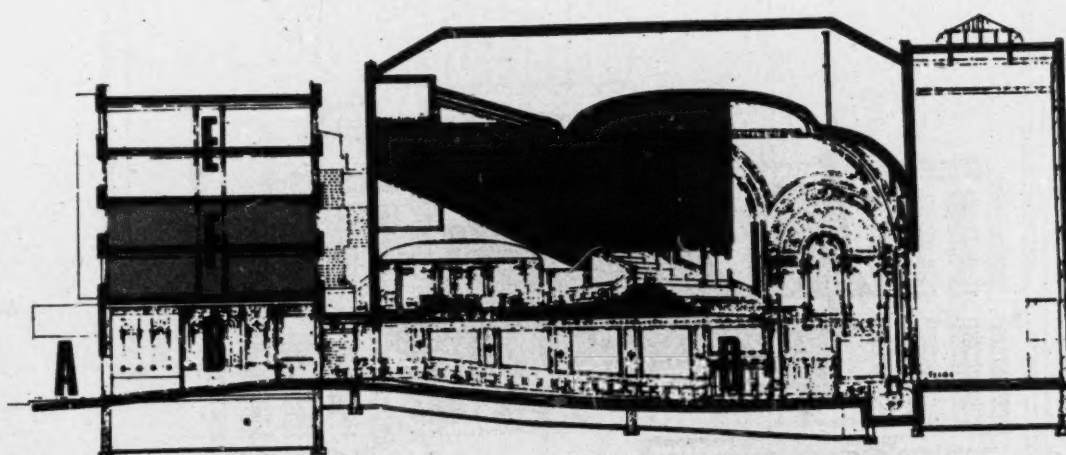
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An elementary school in New York City moved into an abandoned theater.* During the renovation, the State of New York gave the city money specifically earmarked for a community education center. The theater's balcony became a community/school museum stocked with resources on loan from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. The first phase of the renovation (which includes the district superintendent's offices) was completed in early 1972. Two more phases are planned. The next will create a meeting room on the lower level for school and community. The last phase calls for a new entrance to the building to solve its circulation problems and expand exhibition space. When completed, this joint use of found space, gives the school a museum, the administration space, and a community educational center.

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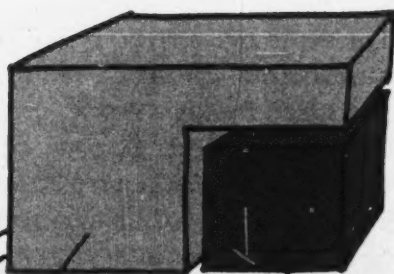
FAIRMOUNT SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY CENTER (P.S. 61 ANNEX) IN ABANDONED FAIRMOUNT THEATER

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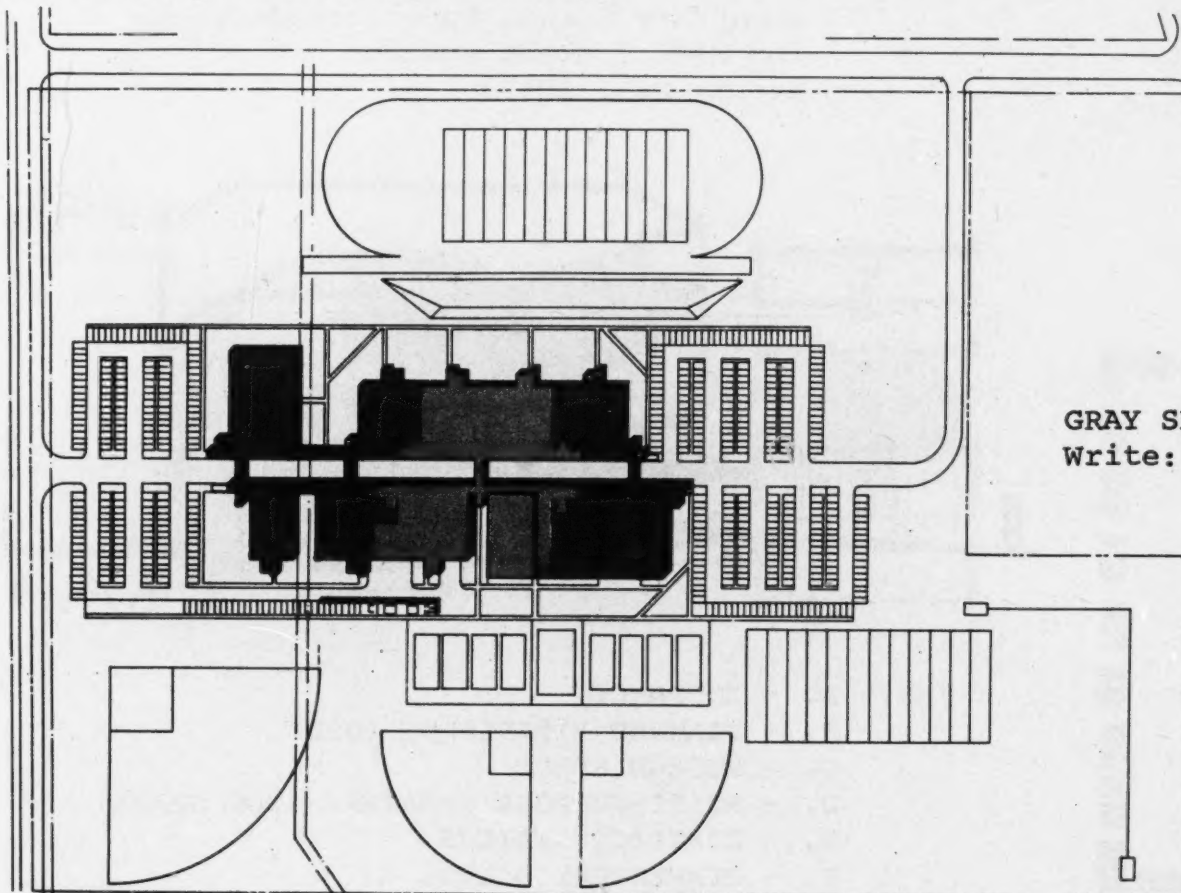
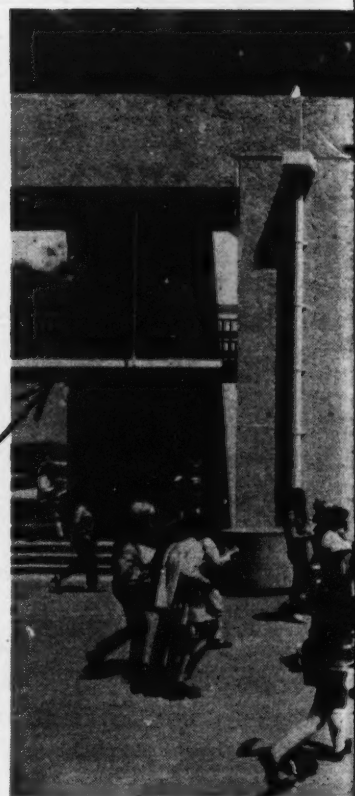
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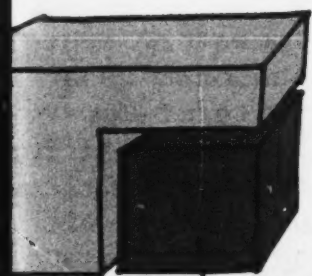


SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Some schools are designed from the beginning for their community. Carson City, Nevada, got its citizens involved with a referendum on a "school community." Phase I of this plan, the Ormsby County High School, is now complete; recent voter approval gives the go-ahead for phase II, adjacent space for municipal and community agencies. Planned like a main street, the school's circulation flows through pedestrian galleries joined by bridges. The structure is designed to be highly flexible and, according to the architects, planned in the hope that, "the school will become society and society will become a school."

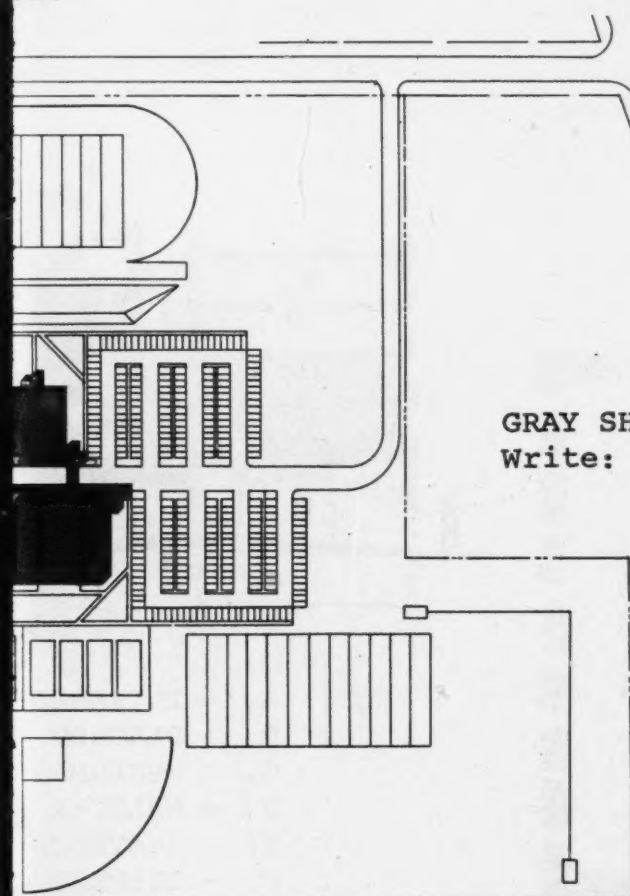


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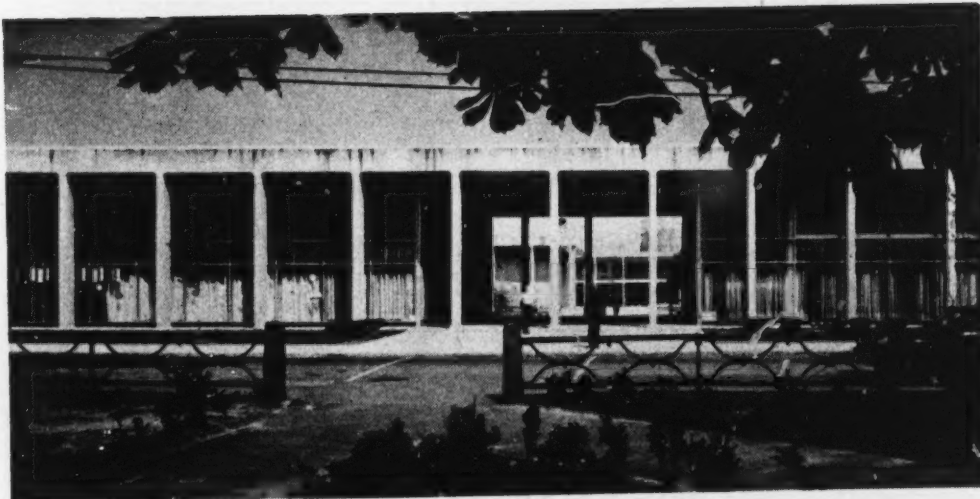


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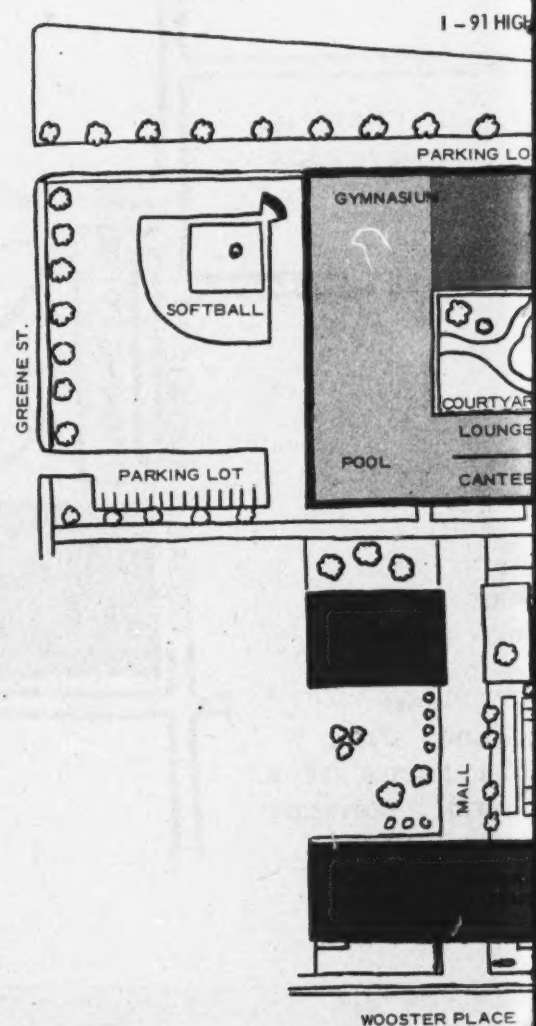
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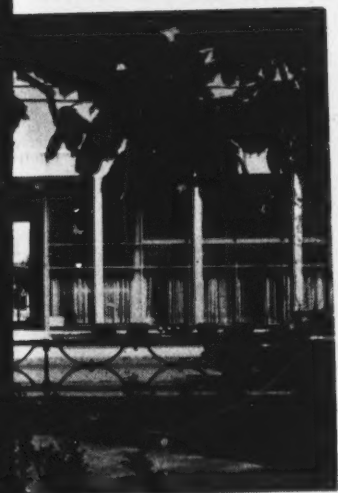
The Harry A. Conte Community School in New Haven, Conn., is perhaps the oldest school in the country specifically designed with its community in mind. With federally funded land, state aid for school construction, and funds from the Urban Renewal Program, the designers put the school (K-8), a public library, and community facilities together on a two-city-block site to make a community-oriented "education park." The Conte School opened its doors to the citizens of the Wooster Square neighborhood in September, 1962. The school itself is square, two stories high, with 26 classrooms on one side, a gymnasium, science lab and pool on the other, and offices in the corner. An underground passage connects the school to a community and school auditorium; across the plaza is the senior citizens center linked to a branch public library. The Conte Community School is open 12 months a year, 7 days a week until 9:00 P. M., to all its citizens for all available activities. The programs include education for everyone. Last year attendance at the school totaled over 105,000, not counting the school children, the senior citizens nor the patrons of the public library. The school has, in effect, turned an otherwise dying and dilapidated neighborhood into one of the bright spots of urban renewal.

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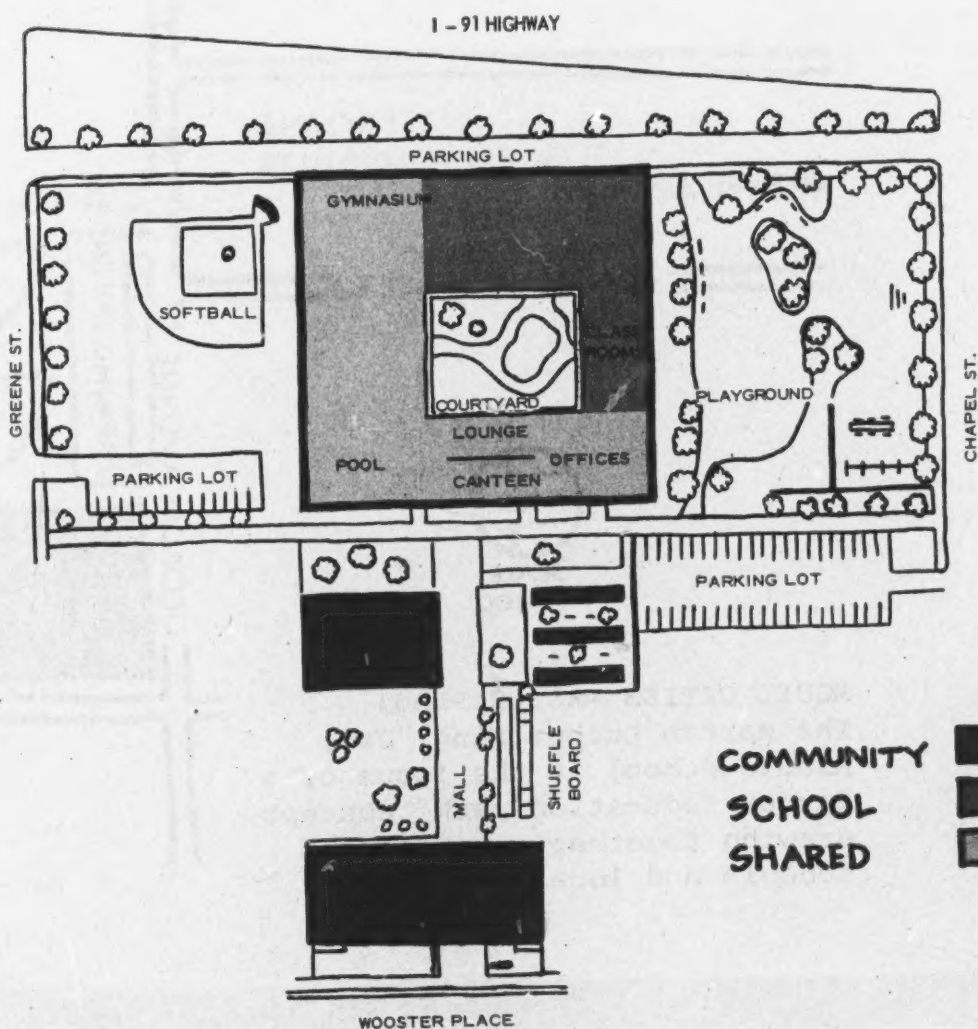
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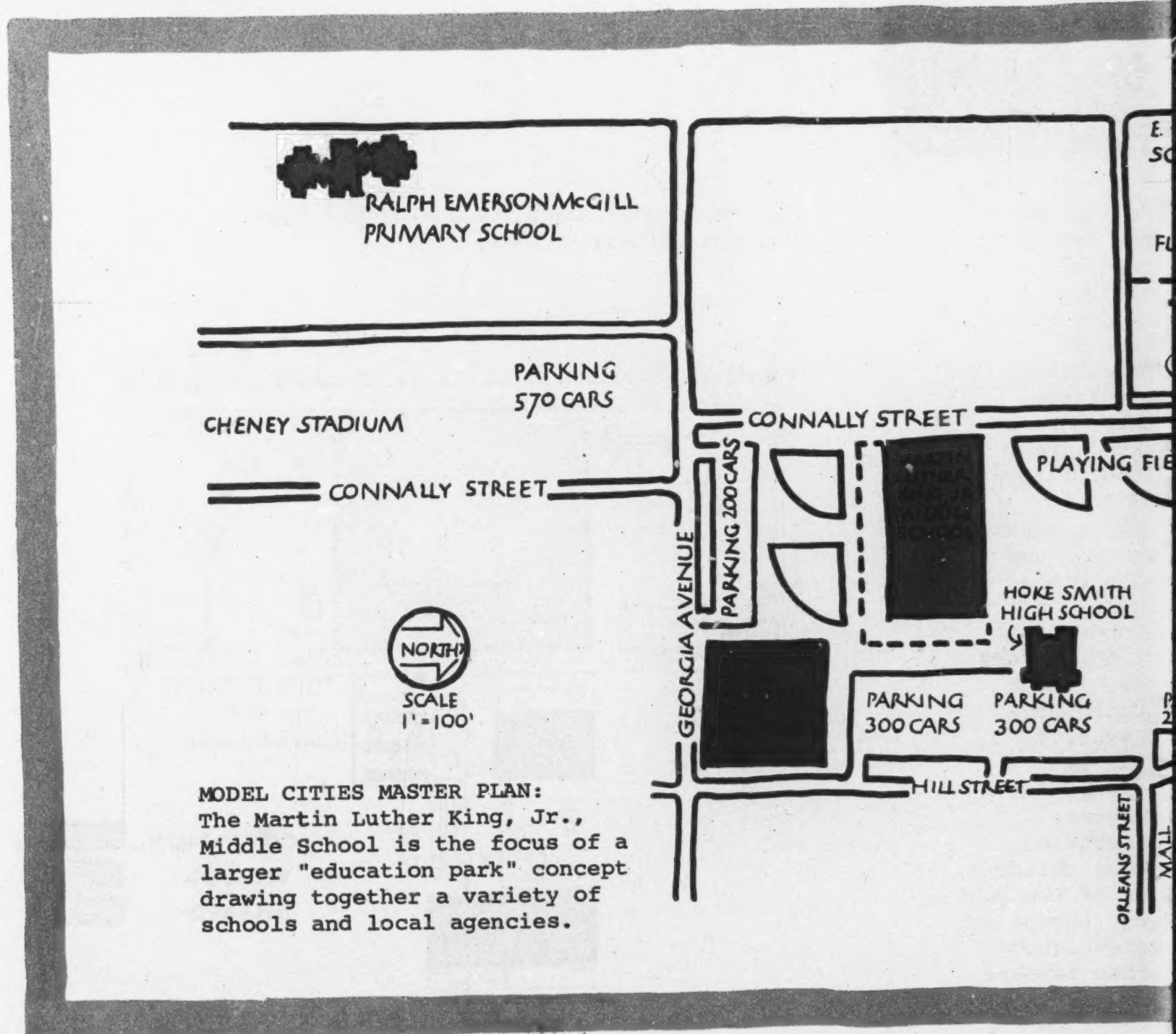
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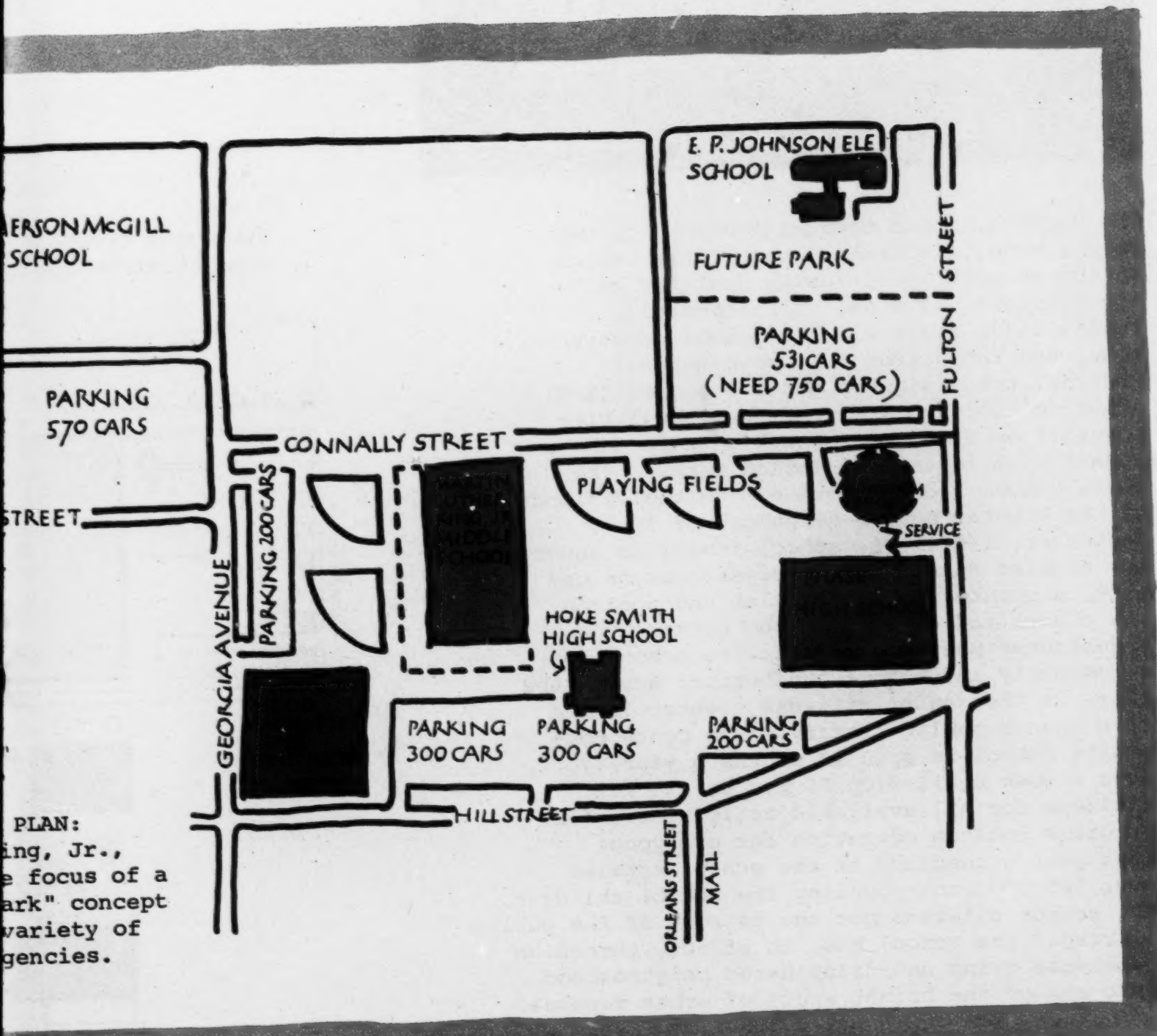


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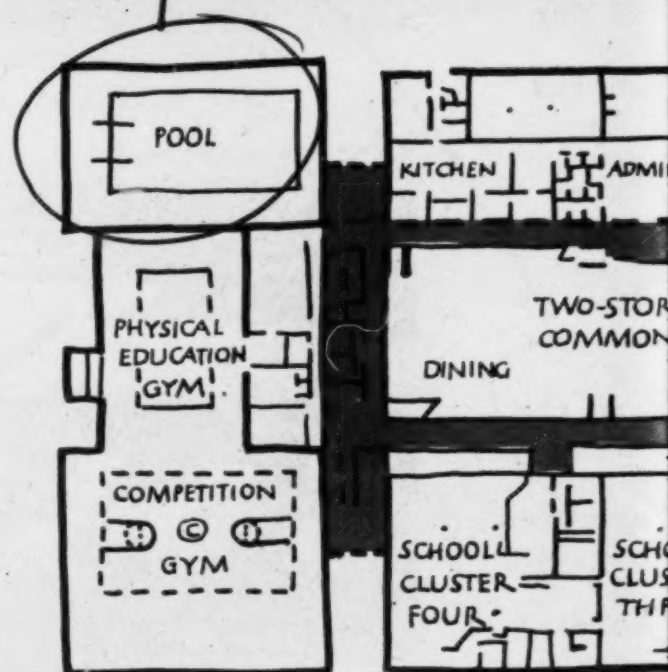
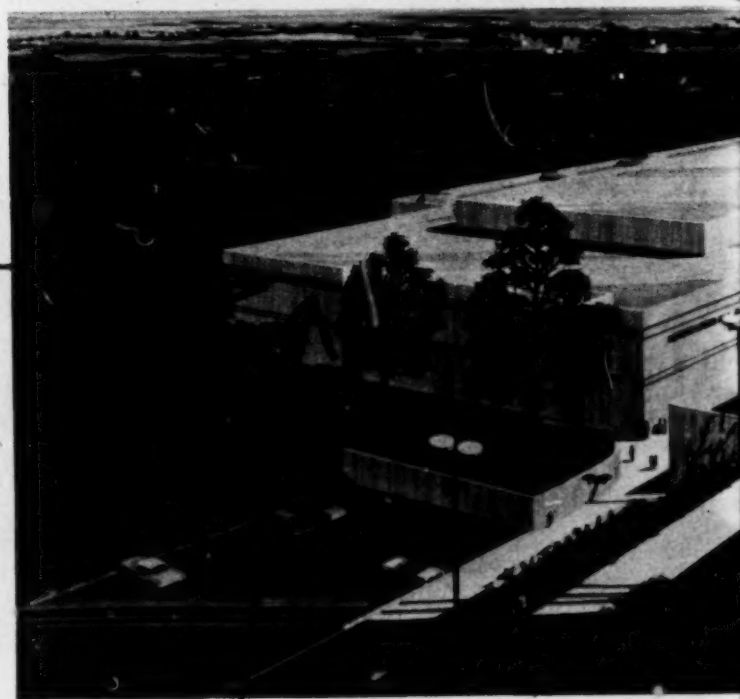




The Martin Luther King, Jr., Middle School in Atlanta is a community school jointly planned by the board of education and the city parks department and is partially funded by the Model Cities program. The school contains an enclosed swimming pool and two gymnasiums* to be used by the students during school and by community recreation programs after hours. All curriculum subjects are taught within each of seven clusters of open plan learning space arranged around an open commons. This two-story commons area gives access to the teaching theater, dining room, library mezzanine and the physical education area, thereby solving the circulation problems and allowing the separation of community and school activity. The school is expected to open in September, 1972. Write: Darwin W. Womack Assistant Superintendent School Plant Planning and Construction Atlanta Public Schools 224 Central Avenue, S. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30303

* See also Physical Education

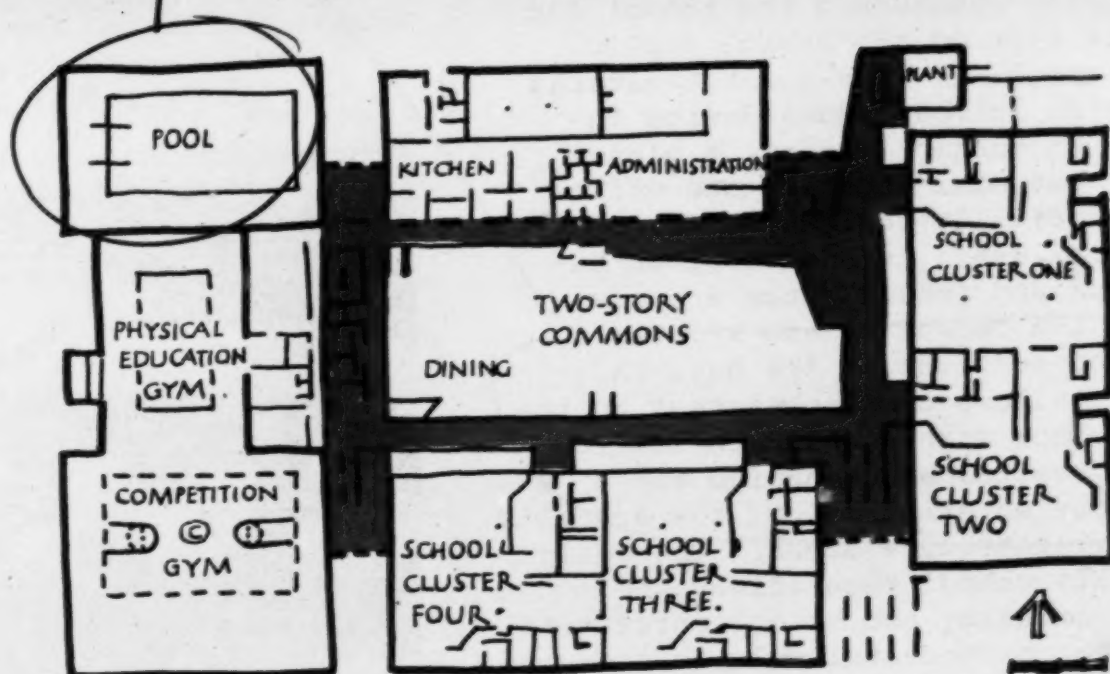
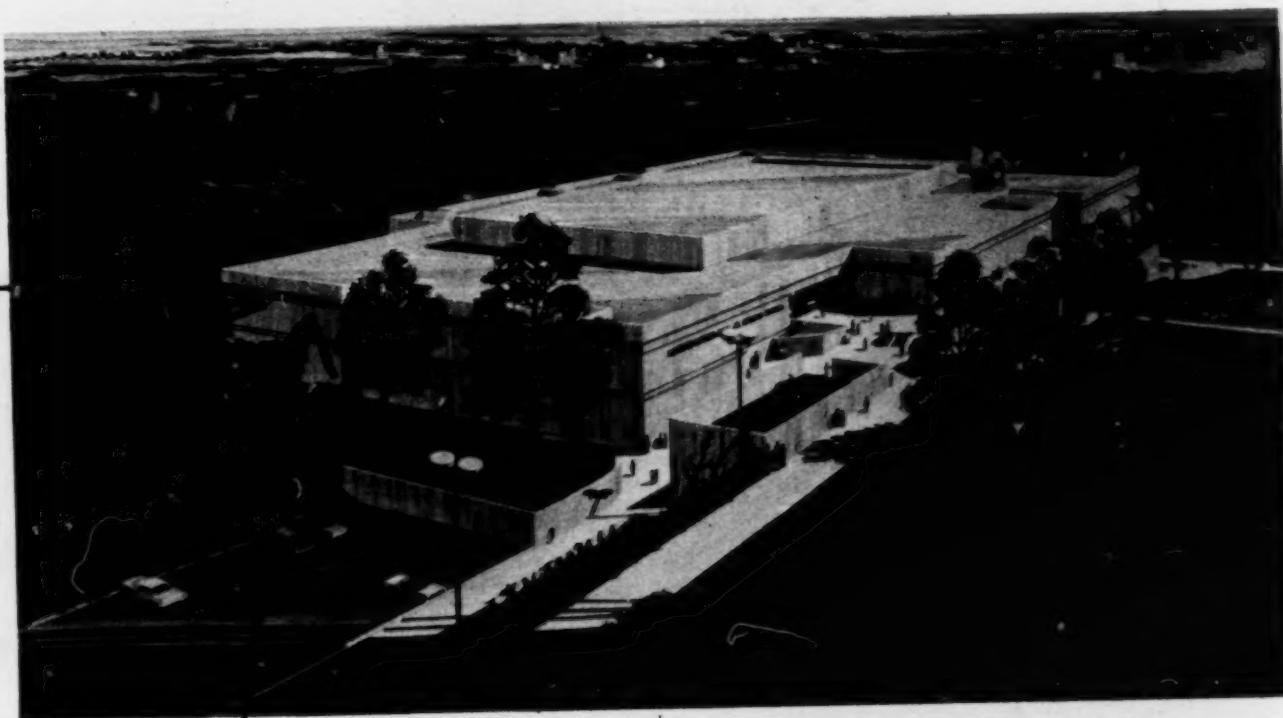
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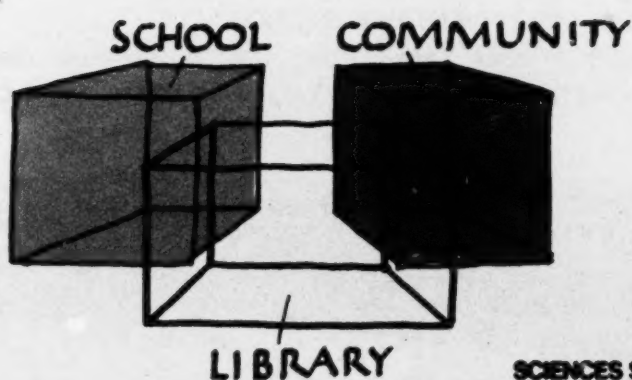
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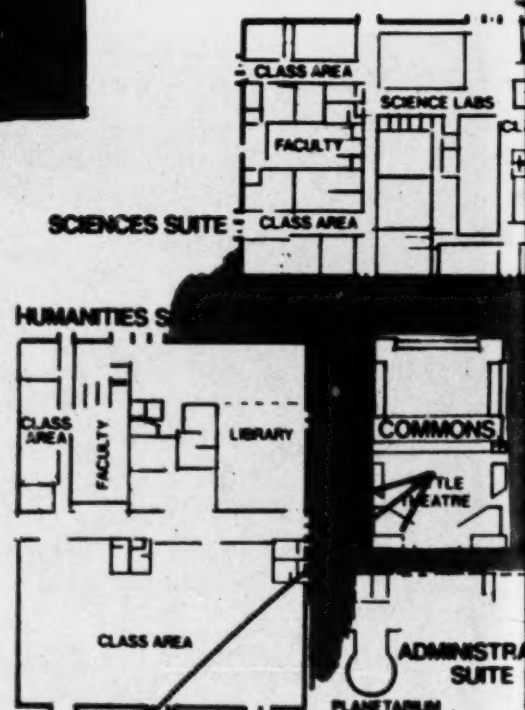


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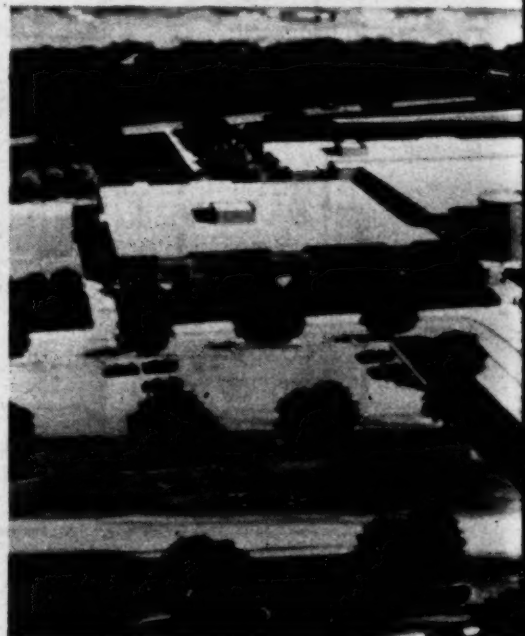
The School and Community Facilities



Across the country, schools and their communities are sharing funds and facilities in a single design. This sharing may involve one room or the whole school, but with or without state and federal aid, they are sharing. A good example of this spontaneous joint planning is in Portsmouth, Va. Needing a new high school to serve not one but three distinct communities, the board of education floated a bond issue for a community school with facilities to serve its neighborhoods at all times of the day. The school is entirely financed through local funding; the city, for example, reimburses the school for the square-foot cost of the branch public library. The result of this joint financing is the Manor High School, whose design includes the branch public library, a planetarium, a 300-seat mini-theater, and office space, all specifically designated for community and school use. In addition, an expanded gymnasium and locker space are open after hours to the community and sometimes during scheduled portions of the day. A central commons allows complete access to the school's concession stands, kitchen/dining areas, central restrooms, gymnasium and theaters, without entering any of the school's academic or administrative areas. The design of this community school thus allows the separation of community and school activities, while making the commons available to everyone at all hours of the day.



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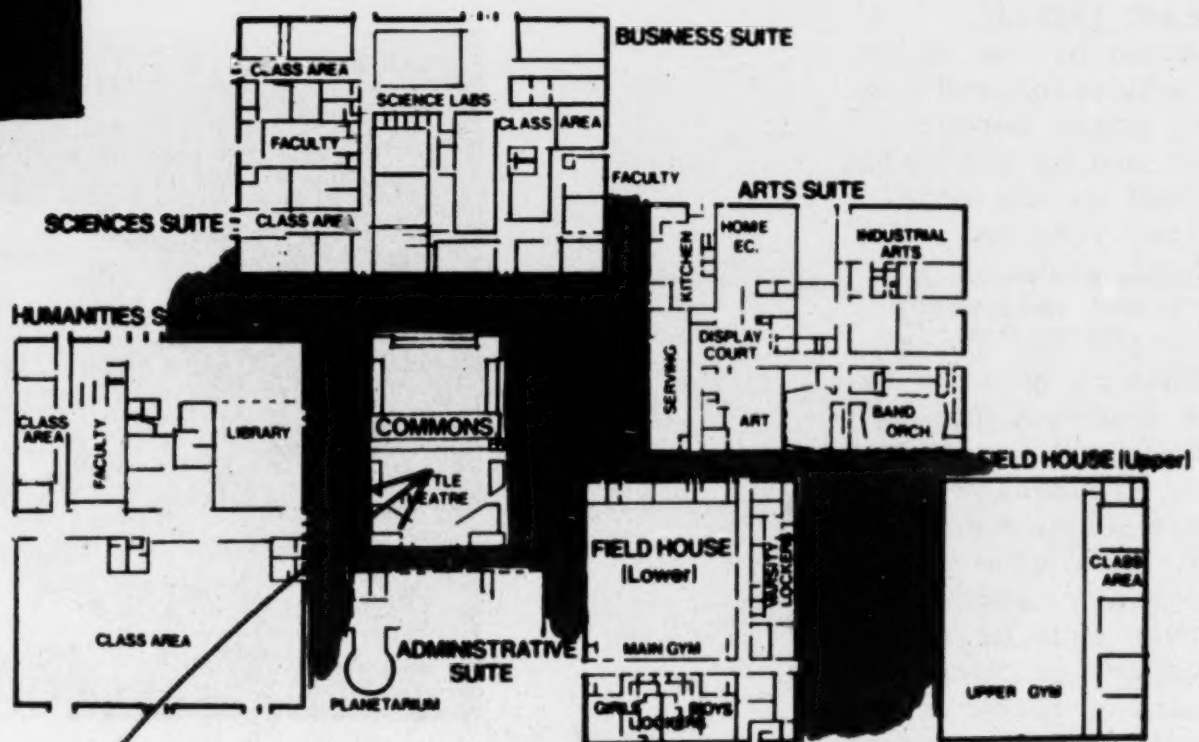


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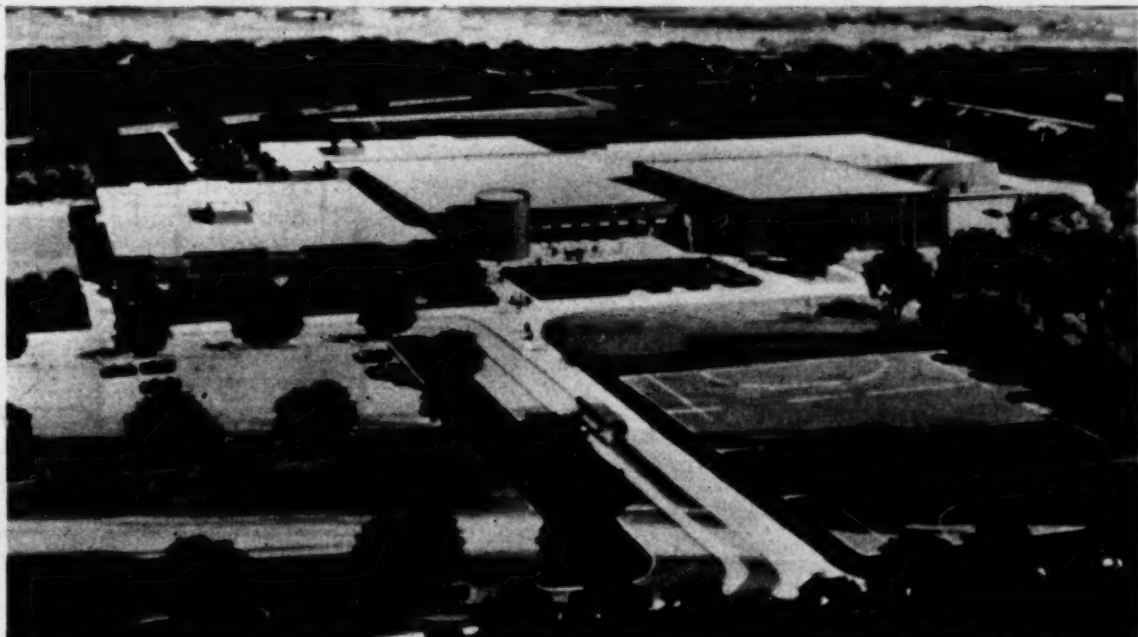
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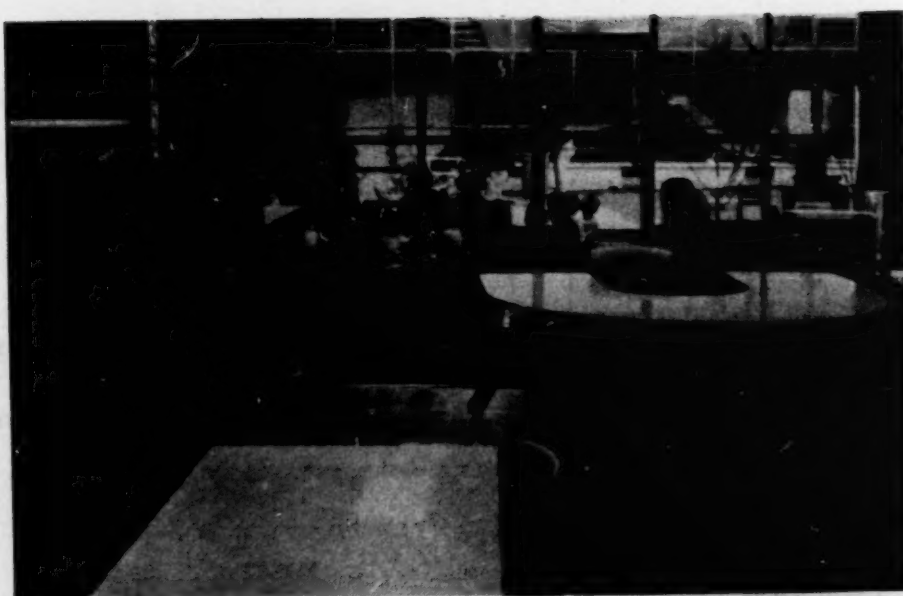
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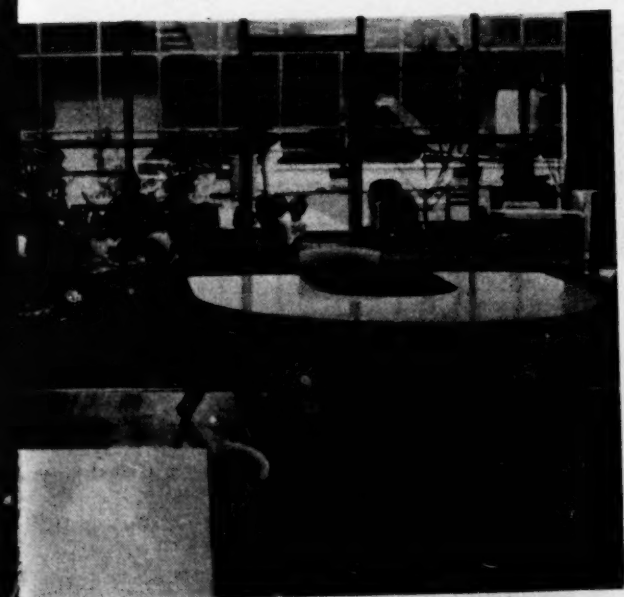


The funding and planning of Atlanta's John F. Kennedy School and Community Center included such diverse groups as the parks department, the senior citizens services, the department of family and children's services, the housing code division, the Office of Economic Opportunity, the state department of education, the Atlanta Public Schools and many more. The new school opened in February, 1971. Located in the heart of the Nash-Washington Community, a marginal neighborhood suffering from inner-city blight, the building houses a middle school (grades 6-8), recreation facilities, and eleven community agencies. The school uses 100,000 sq ft of the 225,000 sq ft; the rest is devoted to agency offices, recreation services, day care centers, vocational training, and workshops, including a sheltered workshop for the mentally retarded. The community has the free use of most of the facilities at all times of the day (the community eats lunch with the children, for example) and full use of the entire center after 3 P.M. In short, the John F. Kennedy School and Community Center has under one roof a school and just about every type of municipal and community agency, except a health and medical facility. But there is one of these just down the street. Write: Ralph A. Long, John F. Kennedy School and Community Center, 225 Chestnut Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30314.

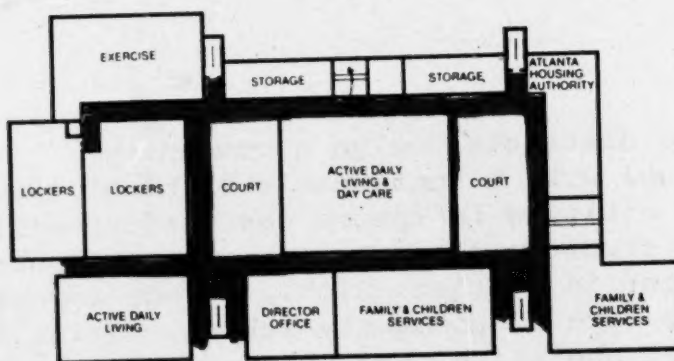


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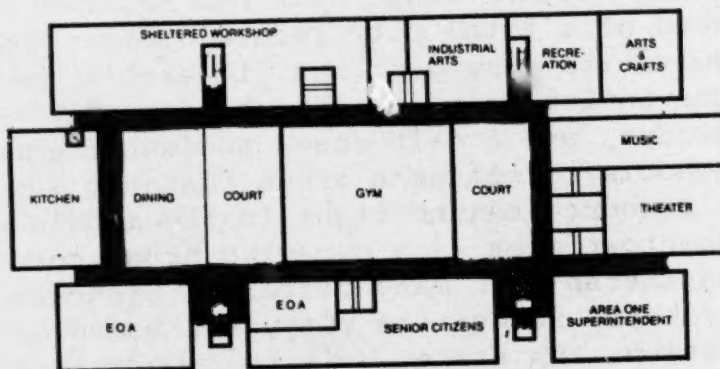




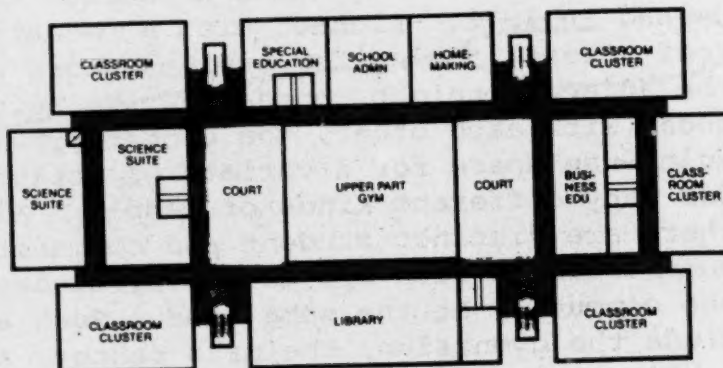
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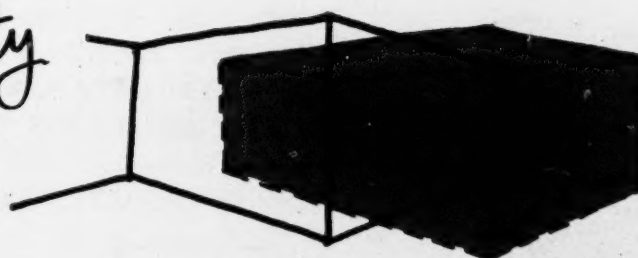
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The Community School



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Some districts design a community school with a comfortable blend of students and citizens in spaces designed specifically for simultaneous use. The Human Resources Center in Pontiac, Mich., is one approach to this type of community school. Joint funding, joint operation, and the joint use of space give both the school and its community something neither could have had separately. In need of a total city redevelopment plan to solve its many problems (inner-city blight, the isolation of neighborhoods, massive urban exodus, and a half-dozen ancient elementary schools), Pontiac's urban planners suggested a resource center right in the middle of the downtown area -- a decaying urban core. A partnership of many different agencies contributed funds: the city, the board of education, the state, private foundations, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The resulting Human Resources Center opened in 1971. Planned with a pedestrian roof-street linking the business core with the adjacent neighborhoods and the neighborhoods with each other, the center provides multi-use space for a variety of activities for many different kinds of people. Although there are distinct student and community levels, some areas in each are shared by students and the community at the same time. Such areas include the gymnasium, the arts center, and the public restaurant. Other spaces are designed to serve primarily one group or another, but the design emphasis of this community school is to provide a central focus of activity -- changing and improving the life and education of its citizens no matter what their age or address.

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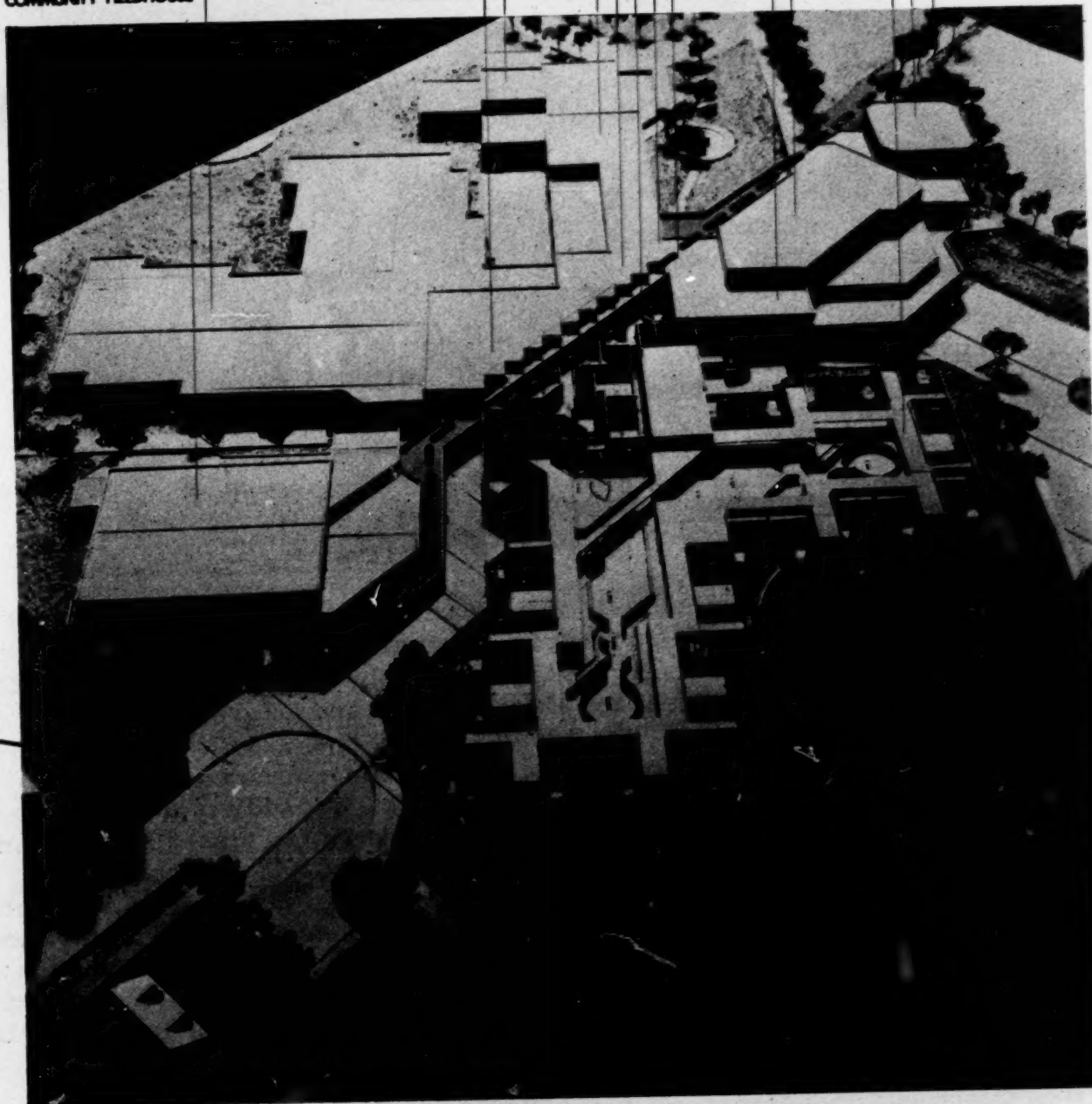
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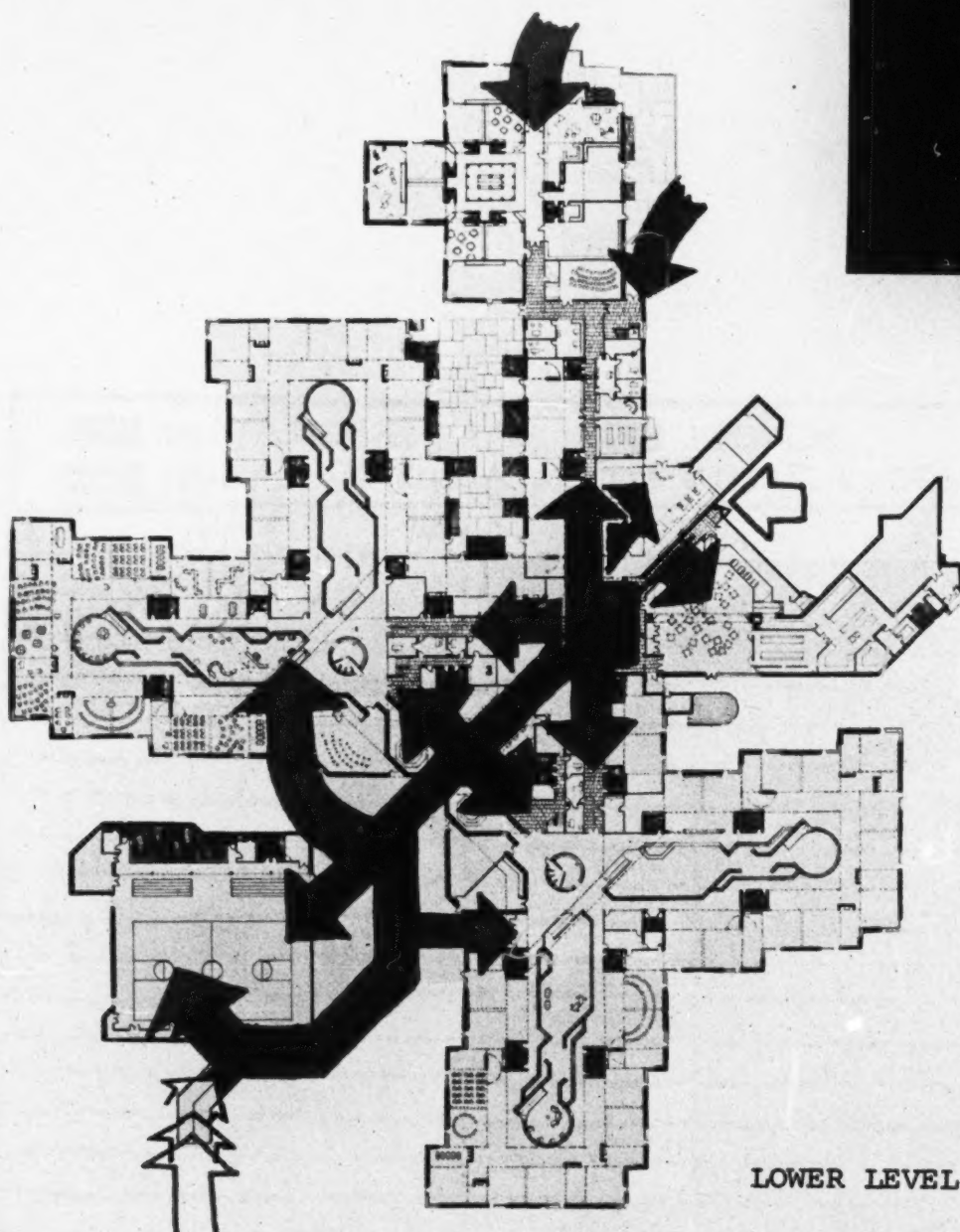
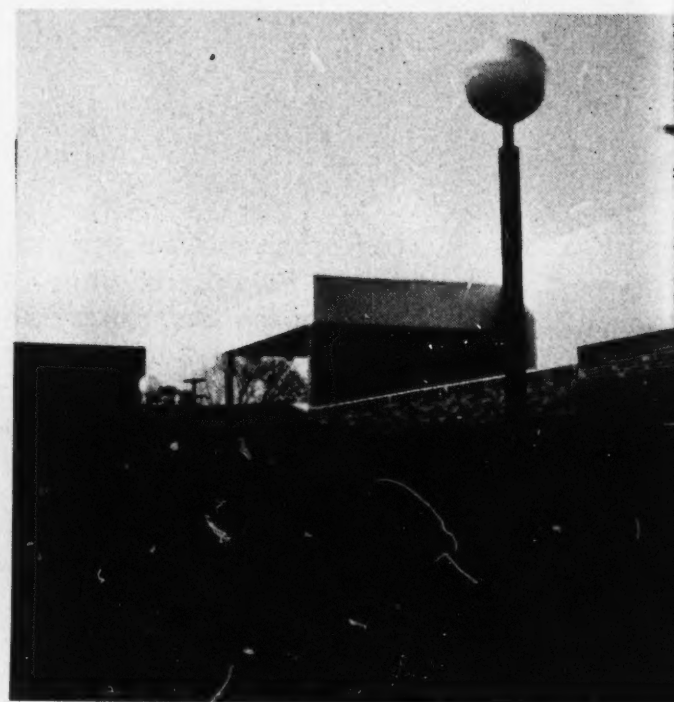


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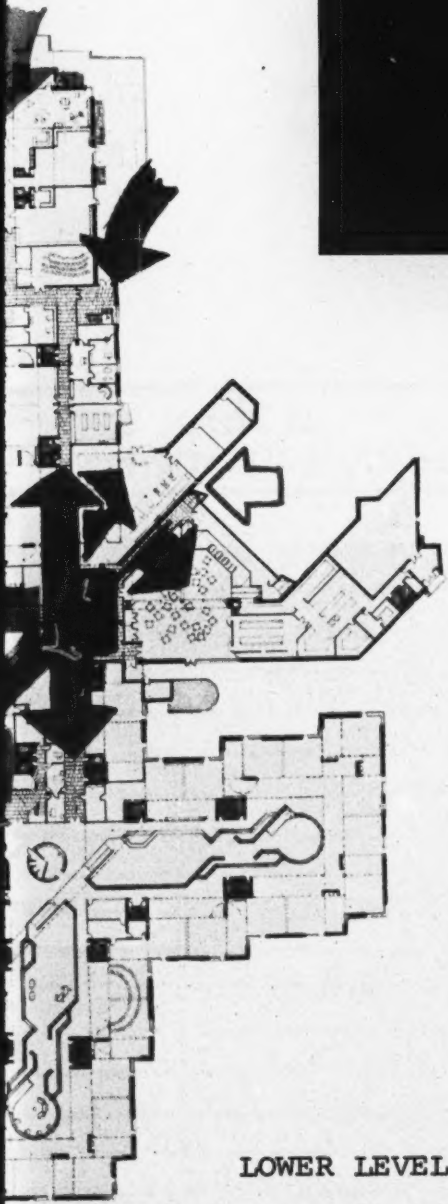
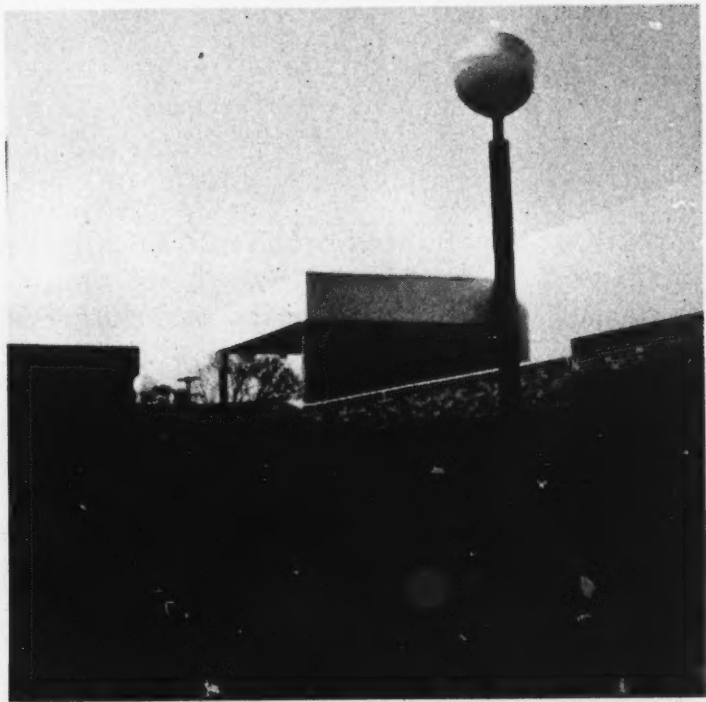
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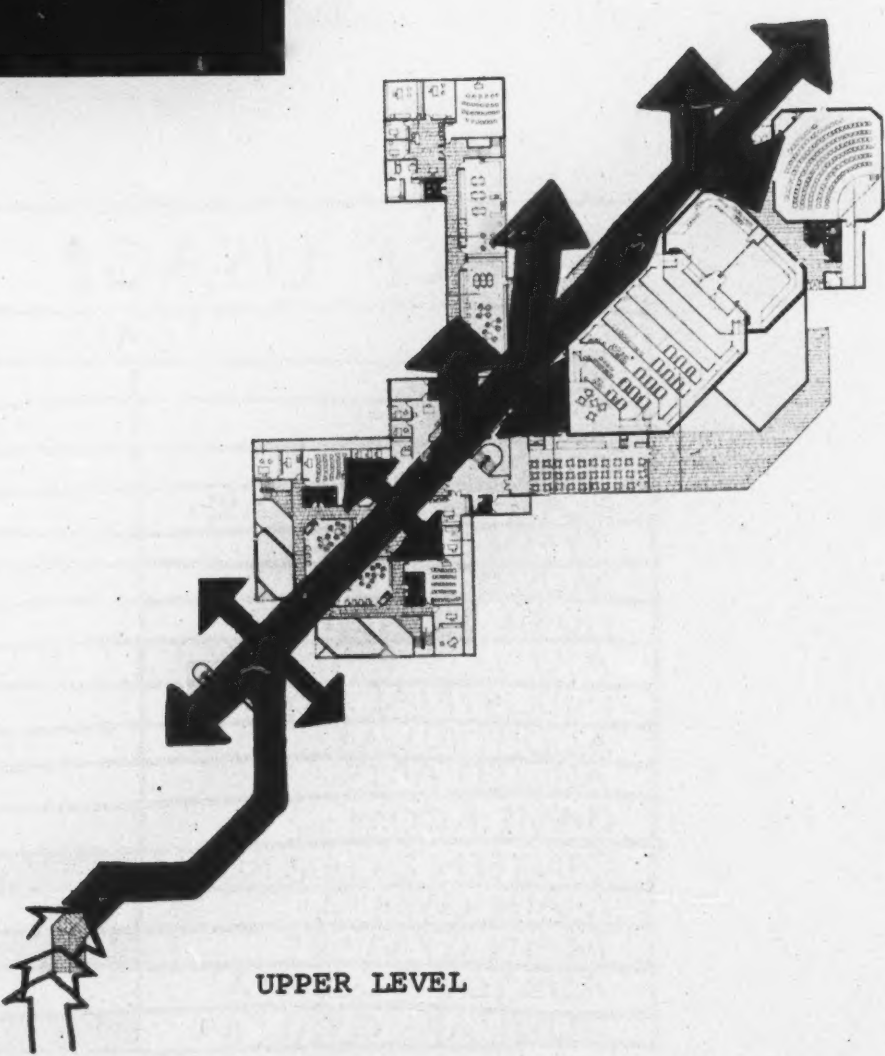
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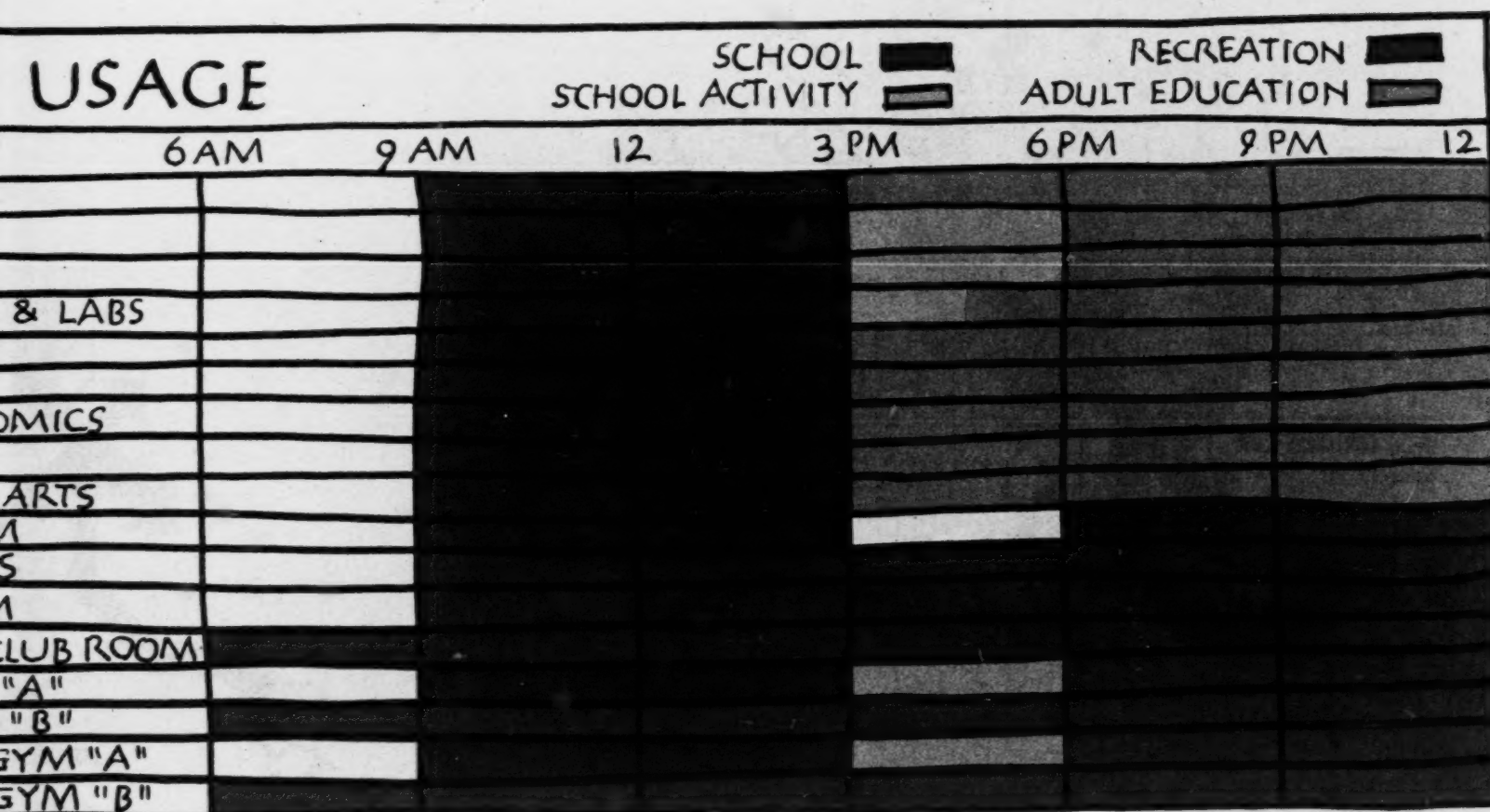
The Community School

Another approach to joint and simultaneous use of community school space resulted from the combined effort of the Alexandria School Board and the County Parks and Recreation Department. The Thomas Jefferson Junior High School and Community Center in Arlington, Va., is planned for alternate and simultaneous use of all facilities by both school and community, i.e., not one square foot is designed for the exclusive use of either. The result is a two-level building: one level primarily school, and the other essentially arts and recreation designed to meet the expanding activity needs of lively community groups and spirited junior high school students.

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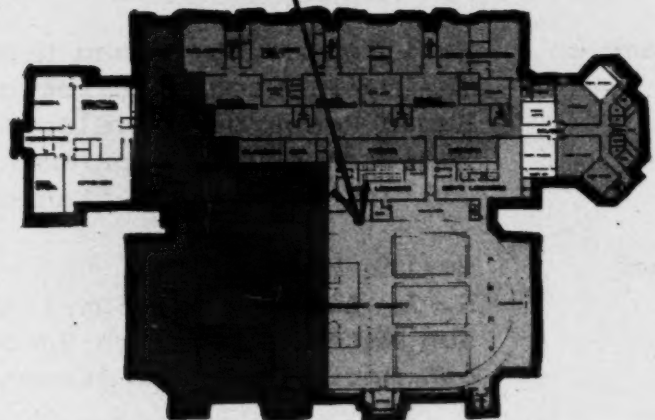
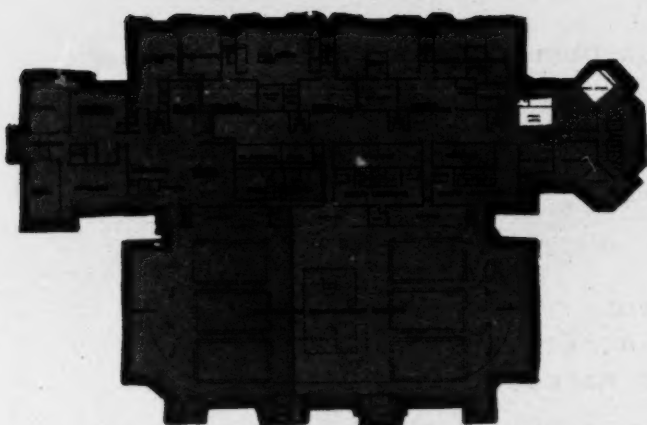
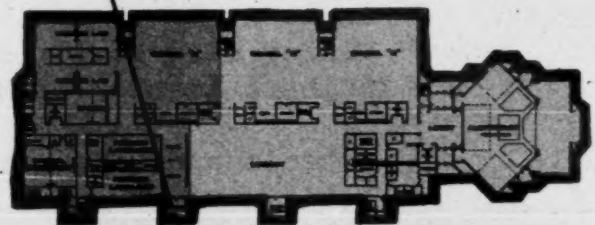
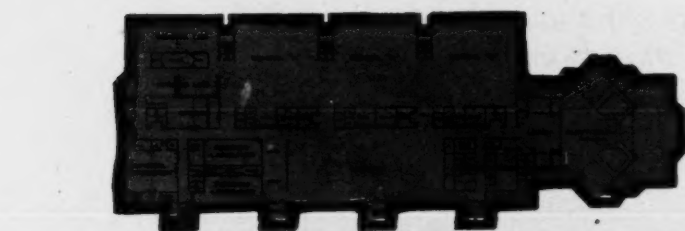
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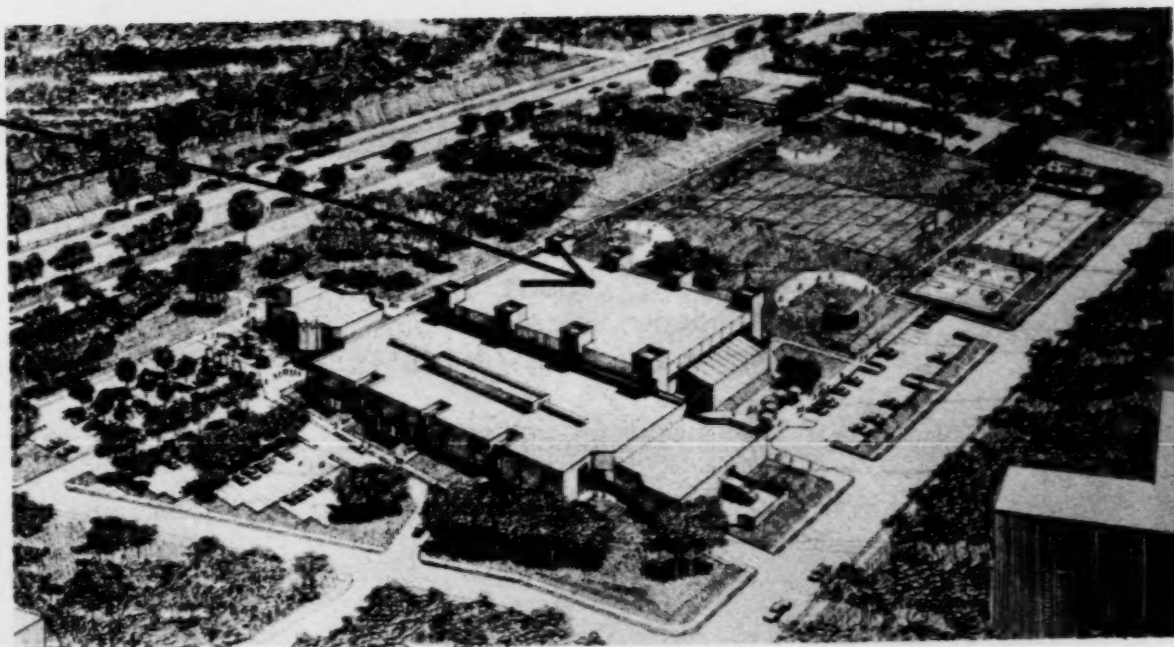
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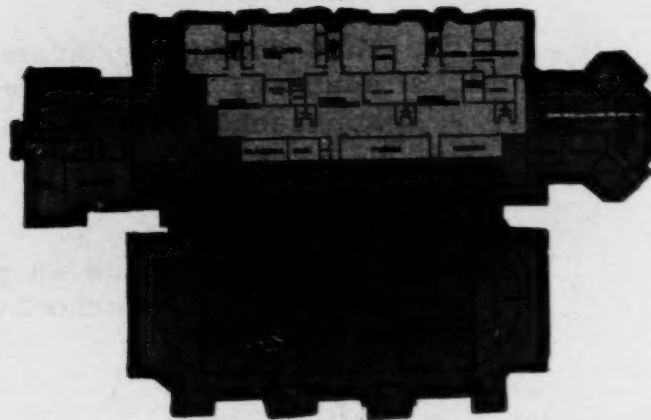
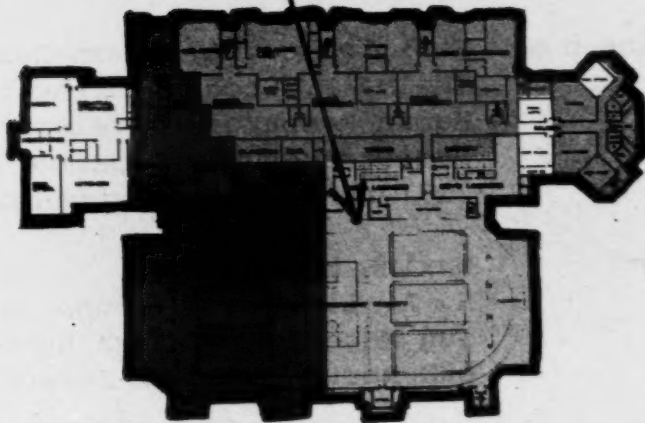
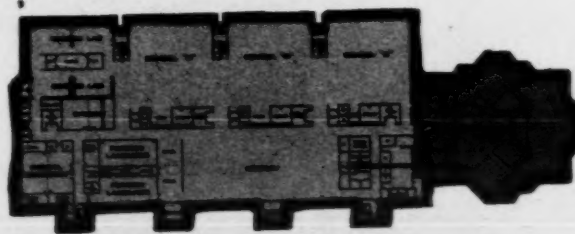
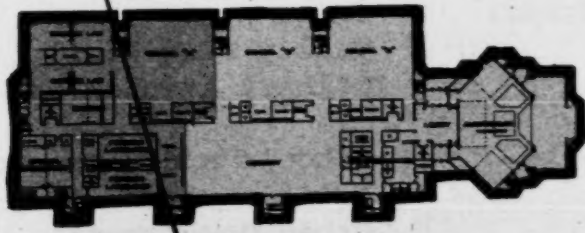
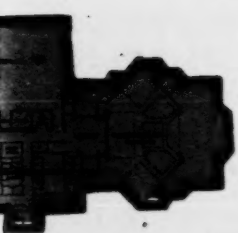
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A Look into the Future

COMMUNITY/SCHOOLS TO WATCH FOR IN THE 1970'S

A community/school utilizing found space, rather than constructing a new building:

Center for Human Development
Patrick J. Mogan, Director
Education Component
Lowell Model Cities
400 Merrimack Street, Lowell, Mass.

Prototype for a suburban community/school:

Community Junior-Senior High School
Thomas R. Turner, Superintendent
Martinez Unified School District
921 Susana Street, Martinez, Calif.

Community/school proposed for increased interaction between student/community/teacher:

Ann Arbor Education Plan
Philip McIlroy, Deputy Superintendent
Chairman, New Construction Coordinating Committee
Ann Arbor Public Schools
1220 Wells Street, Ann Arbor, Mich.

Community/school combined with a year-round school program:

Community High School
James R. Gove, Assistant Superintendent
Valley View Public Schools, District 1
Dalhart Avenue, Lockport, Ill. 60440

New town community/school:

Schools and Community Spaces for Westchester
Felicia Clark
Urban Development Corporation
1345 Avenue of Americas, New York, N.Y.

This community/school plans a state of social services for an Appalachian Area:

Hamilton County Human Resources Development
Thelma L. Scogin, Director
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In the interests of higher productivity, the new community/school will be a comfortable place to be for persons of all ages and sizes who, in concert or in turn, are gathered there to learn and to enjoy. Such a place, more humane and more productive of learning, must await the design of furnishings and equipment that will serve both young and old simultaneously. The beginnings of such an environment are already emerging in some of the open plan, early childhood facilities.

Looking to the long future, the single-purpose school will gradually give way to the community/school. Increasingly, schools will be designed for people as distinguished from just children. Though still called a "schoolhouse," the place of education will be the gathering place for persons of all ages who desire to learn from each other in contrast to the schoolhouses we have known and which appear to be designed defensively against the destructive impulses of its occupants. The new schools will trust the occupants to rise to our expectation of them. Furniture, equipment, materials and surfaces will be softer and will yield to the body and to the spirit. More surfaces will have texture and warmth, and will elevate the occupant's feeling about himself.

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G. REACHOUT SCHOOLS

Some schools are effectively blending the resources of the school with the realities of society by bringing the community and its student body into single multi-service centers -- the community/school. Other schools are trying a significant development we call reachout schools. These programs move students out of the school building directly into the community and take advantage of the assets and facilities for learning that they discover in the community.

Reachout schools require the same ingredients as community/schools, but in reverse order. Instead of the community joining in events in the school building, the reachout school sends its students out to take advantage of the facilities in the community. Five types of reachout programs have been identified.

Open Campus: Students leave school premises when not scheduled for classes. The forerunner of a true reachout program.

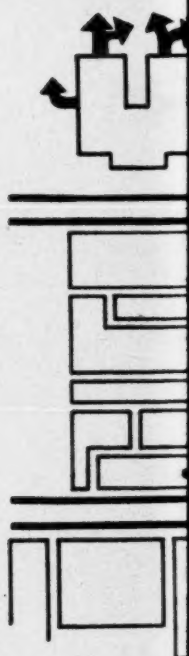
Home Base: Students spend half their time in traditional academic schoolhouse and half in extension activities outside it.

Non-School: Has no traditional school buildings. Home bases are established in found spaces; community provides educational facilities.

Resource Centers: Facilities built for specific purposes and shared by a number of schools.

Everywhere School: Combines home base, non-school and resource centers.

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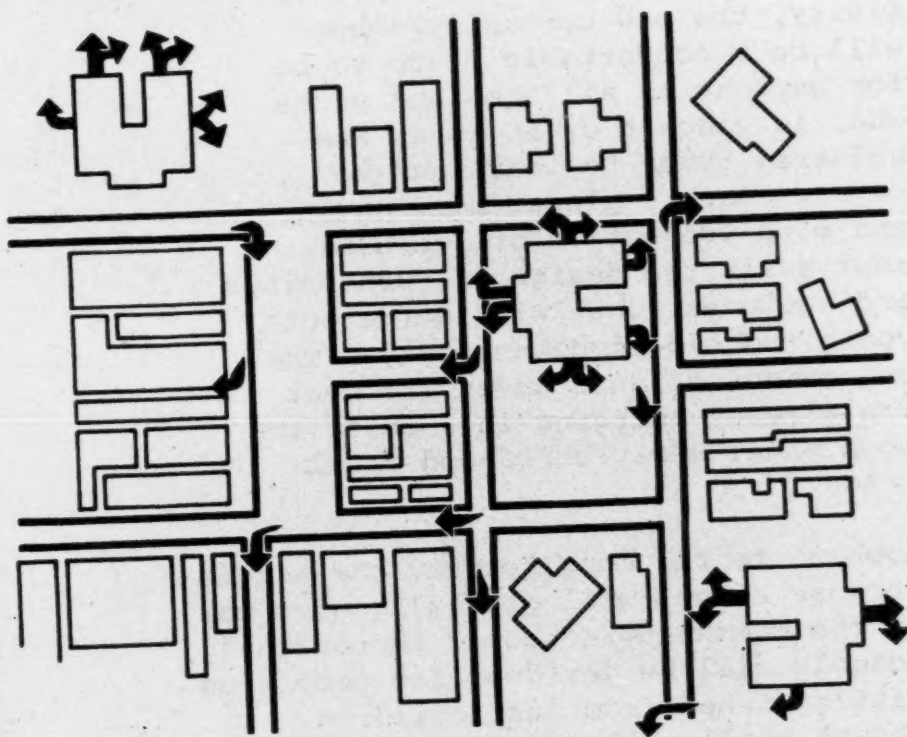
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The reachout school has its beginnings with new approaches to traditional school procedures and requirements. Under the open campus plan, an embryo form of the reachout school, students are not required to be in the school building unless they are actually scheduled for classes. The assigned study hall is eliminated and a student with no class to attend needs no pass to go to the library, work on projects of his own, meet friends, snack, take a walk around the schoolhouse or leave. This, of course, grants the student considerable freedom for unorthodox movement; it also shoulders him with responsibility and the need to develop self-discipline, and both are important factors in his educational development.

The open campus plan has a number of advantages for the teacher and the school plant. When teachers are freed from study hall assignments and hall patrol, they have time for planning lessons, for research, for evaluating student work, and for individual conferences with students. The schoolhouse benefits because space no longer needed for student supervision is available for classroom and other productive uses. Lawrence High School in Falmouth, Mass., for example, made its cafeteria available as a student lounge, and its auditorium is used for panel discussions, folk singing, films and guest speakers. Originally designed to accommodate 950 students, Falmouth High School was able to comfortably house 1,200 students with its open campus organization.

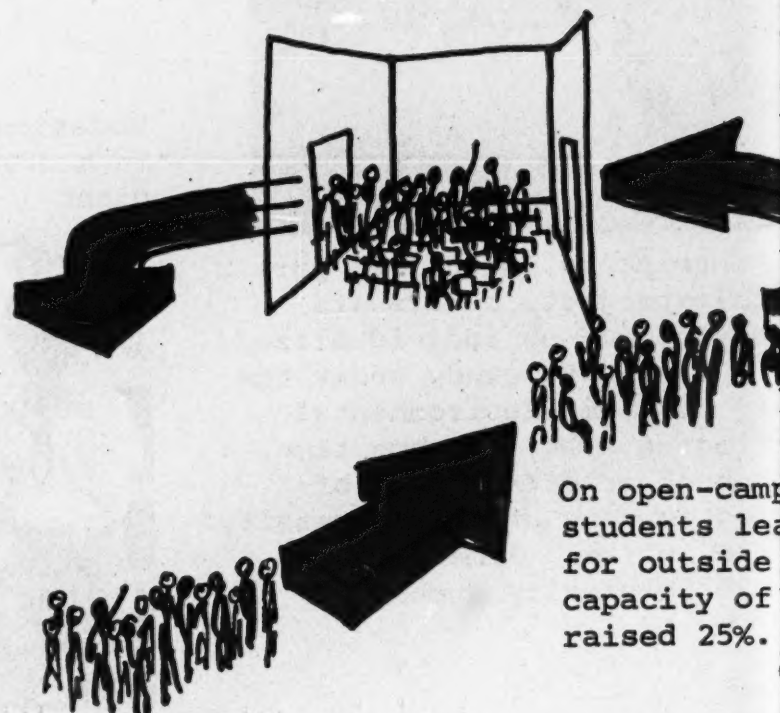
Jones High School, Beeville, Texas, similarly raised its accommodation from 970 to 1,200 by combining the open campus plan with an extended school day.* It has been operating since 1963, and more than half the students take an extra (sixth) course during one of their free hours. Several open campus schools have reported increased expenditures for such items as films and juke boxes, but these sums are insignificant when compared with the increased housing capacities of the schools, the increased opportunity for teaching, and the increased opportunity for learning.

Write: Lester W. McCoy, Principal
Jones High School
Beeville, Tex. 78102

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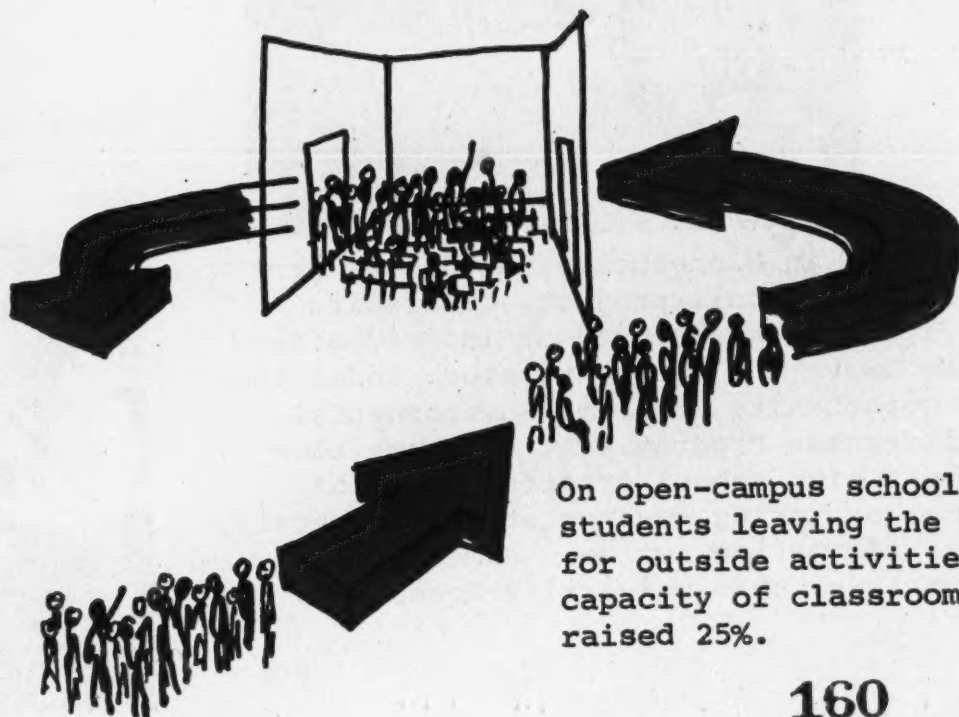
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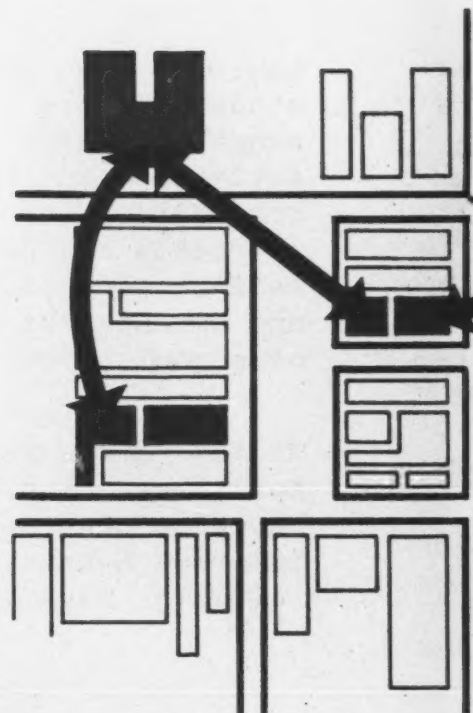
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On open-campus schools with students leaving the building for outside activities, the capacity of classrooms can be raised 25%.

Home Base Schools

Another stage in the development of reachout schools is the home base program where students' hours are divided about equally between academic subjects in a traditional schoolhouse and extension subjects out of school. Home base is an intensification of the work/study programs used for years by schools in many parts of the country. The principal difference is that work/study emphasizes vocational training and home base stresses academic subjects plus an exposure to community activities.



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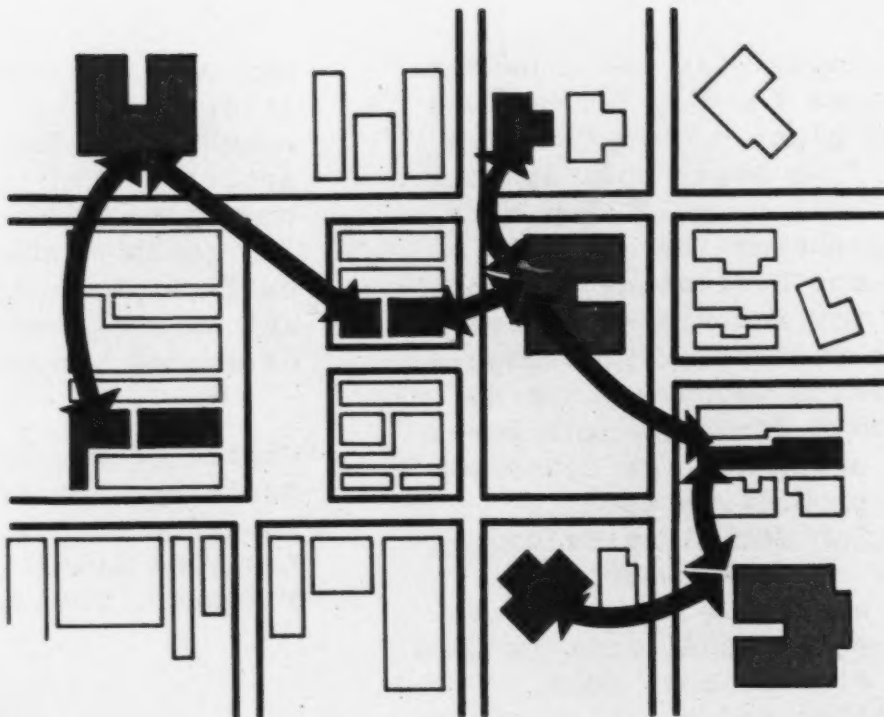
Marshall University High School in Minneapolis, Minn., as part of a comprehensive Experimental Schools project, offers its students an option of traditional, structured or individualized programs. Its students may leave the campus to study under the Urban Arts Program, Works Opportunity Program, Environmental Studies Program* or the Wilderness Program. At the same time, these students may earn their high school credits by way of tutoring, independent study, or taking courses at the University of Minnesota. For further information, write: James Kent, Director, Southeast Alternatives, 3036 University Avenue, S. E., Minneapolis, Minn. 55414.

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The San Mateo, Calif., school district has a home base program for 1,500 students drawn from all its high schools. The program, called School/Community Service, sends out students to perform social services in hospitals, police departments, homes for the aged and pre-school nurseries. The students receive no pay for the daily 1 to 4 hours of service they give to the 50 nonprofit agencies participating in the program, but they do receive high school credit, and the satisfaction of working with a project that for social involvement is without parallel.



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Lexington, Mass., has a developing home base program, titled Education Without Walls, with an enrollment of 170 students. It offers school credit for a variety of career-oriented situations chosen by the students themselves. These out-of-school activities include paying jobs (food service, retail clerks, garage mechanics), as well as non-paying projects (teacher's aides, film production, arts and crafts). Generally, the students spend mornings in the school, afternoons in the community, averaging 18 hours of the week in school instead of the customary 27½. Write: Frederick Boyle, Director, Education Without Walls, Lexington High School, 251 Waltham Street, Lexington, Mass. 02173.



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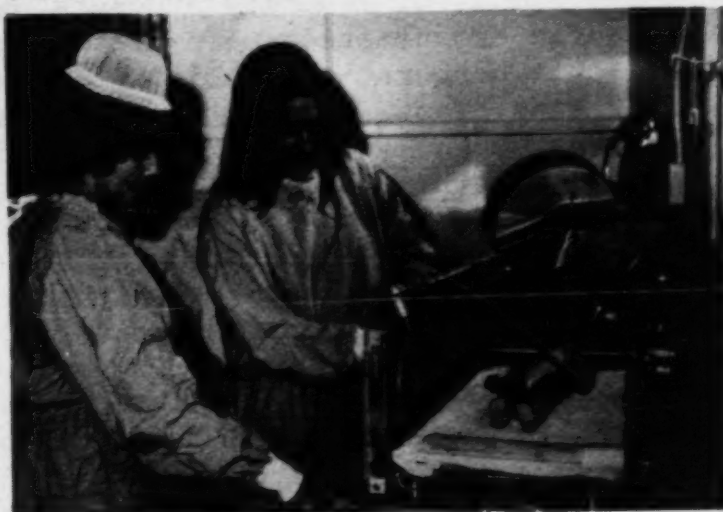


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San Mateo's students provide needed social services in the Harold D. Chope Community Hospital. Write: Elwyn Gregory, School/Community Coordinator, San Mateo Union High School District, 650 North Delaware Street, San Mateo, Calif. 94401.



EDUCATION WITHOUT WALLS, LEXINGTON, MASS. USING THE COMMUNITY AS AN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE INCLUDES USING PEOPLE OTHER THAN TEACHERS FOR TEACHING.

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Home Base Schools

Manual High School, Denver, Colo., with a population composed mainly of minority students, has organized a nonprofit organization with a student board of directors. This corporation, called Creative Urban Living Environments, Inc., contracts with government agencies (HUD, HEW, Urban Renewal Authority, and others) for specific and sizeable jobs. For example, the students in the drafting course have a \$10,000 Urban Renewal contract to design four mini-parks for a blighted residential area. Other contracts with private as well as government agencies call for remodeling homes, publishing a newsletter, laying city sidewalks; another student corporation leases and operates a gas station. The students of Manual devote an average of three periods each school day to their "extension" work as part of their academic studies. Last year, about 40% of the school's graduating class went on to college.

Write: Alfred Prud'homme
Coordinator of Instruction, Manual High School
1700 East 28th Street, Denver, Colo. 80205



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The home base plan may require one or more additional full-time administrators. Lexington and San Mateo, for example, have assigned full-time coordinators to their program. This does not necessarily mean a higher personnel cost, since volunteer community agencies can relieve teachers of a substantial part of their supervisory and clerical workload and free them for managerial assignments.

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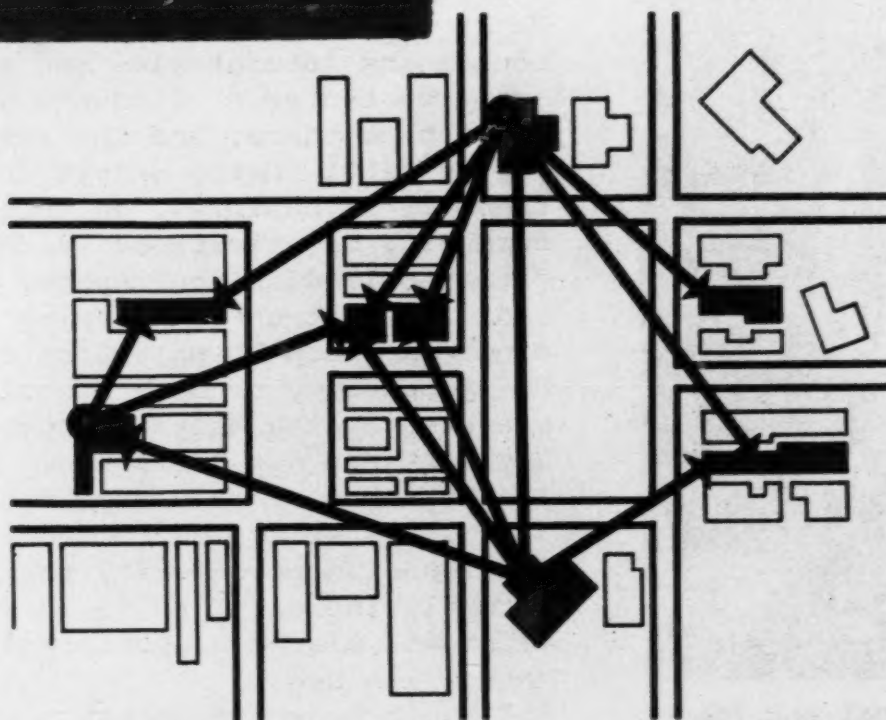


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The Non-School School



Philadelphia's Parkway Program was the first of the non-schools created to meet the problems of communities with overcrowded schools and no money for building additional structures. For its four home bases, Parkway leases office space at minimal rentals and uses a former elementary school. Each base is limited to 130 students, 8 teachers and 8 university interns. Additional classroom spaces and services are provided by almost 200 institutions, academies, churches, societies, government, businesses, universities and museums that voluntarily participate in the program. Operating costs for Parkway students are about the same as they are in conventional schools, but Parkway has no capital expenses and saves the city the multi-million dollar cost of a normal 500-pupil high school building.

The non-school school serves the community. As it departs completely from traditional buildings and conventions, it still uses the home as a base. Instead of being divided into a number of formal classrooms, of its student enrollment needs to be a tradition. Contrary to the base model, the base may be a concert hall, an abandoned warehouse or any kind of space which is convertible for classroom spaces are generally provided. All of the non-schools provided by the community function between schools to provide studios, laboratories, hospitals and other

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THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA SERVES AS PARKWAY'S CAMPUS. Write: Lisa Strick, Parkway Program, Philadelphia, c/o The Franklin Institute, 20th Street and the Parkway

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The non-school school reaches further still into the community. As its name implies, it all but departs completely from conventional school buildings and conventional school organization. It still uses the home base, but its base is fractured into a number of found spaces,* each for a division of its student enrollment, and none of the bases needs to be a traditional school structure. On the contrary, the base may be a civic auditorium, a concert hall, an abandoned movie house, even an unused warehouse or rundown office building, any kind of space which is inexpensive and easily convertible for classroom and workshop use. Such spaces are generally available in the community. All of the non-school educational facilities are provided by the community. For this reason, non-schools function better in areas large enough to provide studios, labs, business premises, museums, hospitals and other spaces.

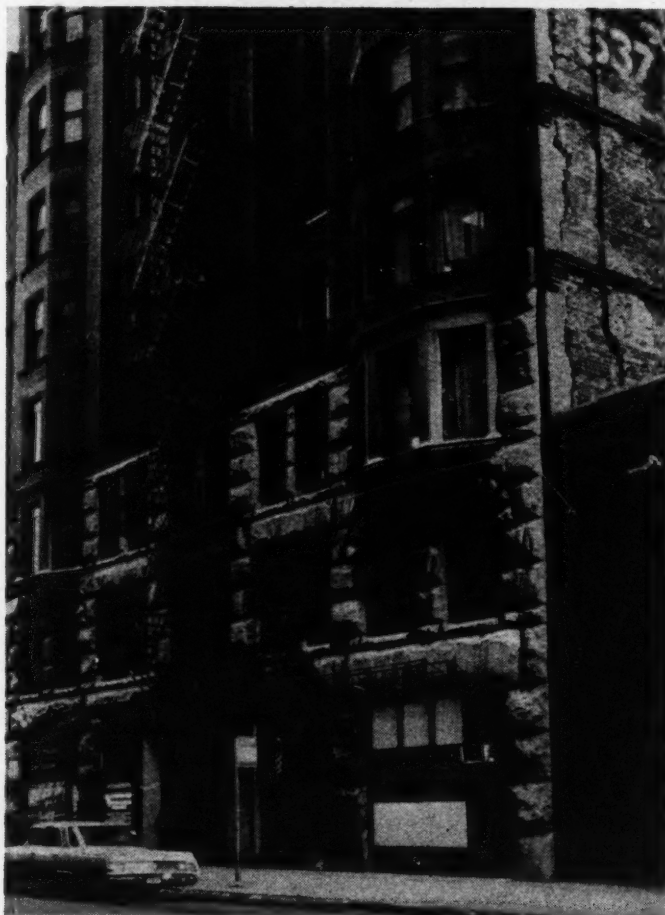
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The Non-School School



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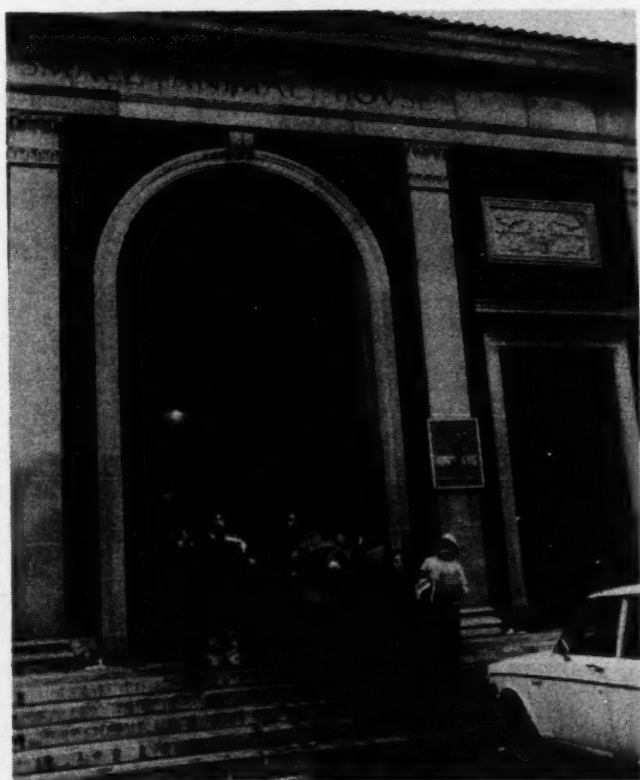


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Washington, D. C., has its own version of the non-school. With headquarters on the 12th floor of an office building, its School Without Walls is part of the public school system. Started by a Title III grant and supported with funds from the District, its students make use of available city facilities: universities, art galleries, private business, commercial photography studios, drama schools and others. School Without Walls was begun with 55 11th grade students. Next year it will add a 10th grade and, granted the resources, will eventually enroll students for all the school grades.

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Parkway began in 1969. A year later, Chicago followed with its Metro High School. In the '71-'72 school year, Metro operated from one home base containing laboratories and a media resource center.* Students spend half their time there, and the remainder in the city. Metro enjoys the assistance of 56 business, cultural and community organizations which afford the school additional space, equipment and instruction varying from a single lecture to an entire course. The popularity of both schools may be measured by the enormous number of applications for admission. Parkway has had about 15,000 applicants for its 500 capacity; Metro had 3,000 for its 200-student capacity that only recently increased to 330. Write: Nathaniel Blackman, Principal
Metro High School
537 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Ill. 60605

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Write: Patricia Goins, Principal
School Without Walls
1411 K Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20005

Atlanta has operated a non-school program, called the Exploration Quarter, for three years. Each quarter, between 20 and 60 high school students elect their own subjects (with faculty approval) and use community facilities and staff to complete requirements. In January, 1972, for example, students were studying photography (using commercial photographers), law (working as a page in the state senate), computers (using the school district's facilities), social studies (in a social services department), music (with the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra), and oceanography (at the Emory University Department of Oceanography). Write:

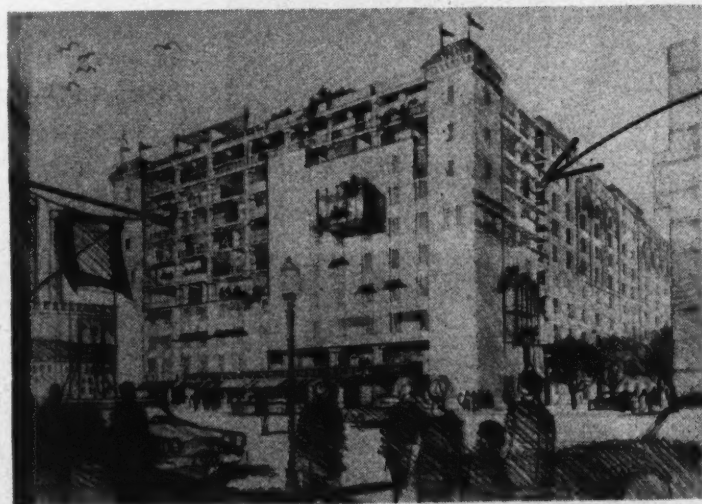
Jean Fant
Coordinator of Exploration Quarter
2930 Forest Hill Drive
Atlanta, Ga. 30315

To date, the non-school has been limited to the high school, but its impact on the community and the accomplishment of its students have been most impressive, in fact, so impressive, that Boston is tentatively planning a similar non-school for the elementary grades to assist with federal desegregation procedures. Planned Partnership Program, as Boston's project is called, is a joint development between the Boston city schools and the Model Cities Administration.

For further information, Write:
Barbara L. Jackson
Assistant Administrator for Education
Boston Model Cities Administration
Bartlett Building
2401 Washington Street
Boston, Mass. 02119



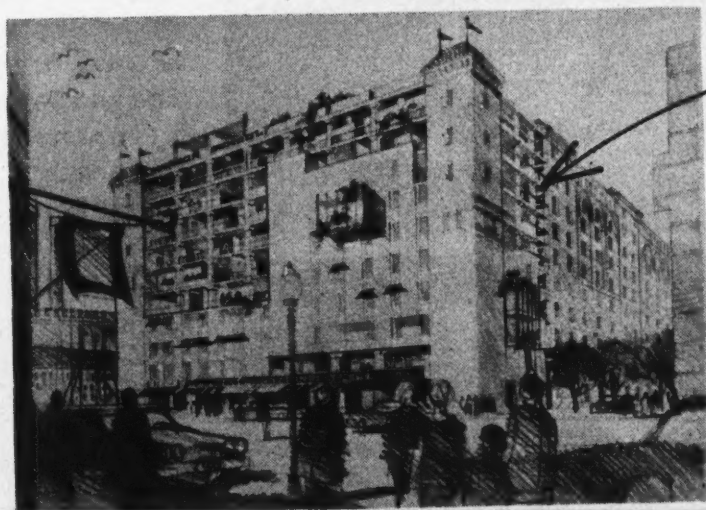
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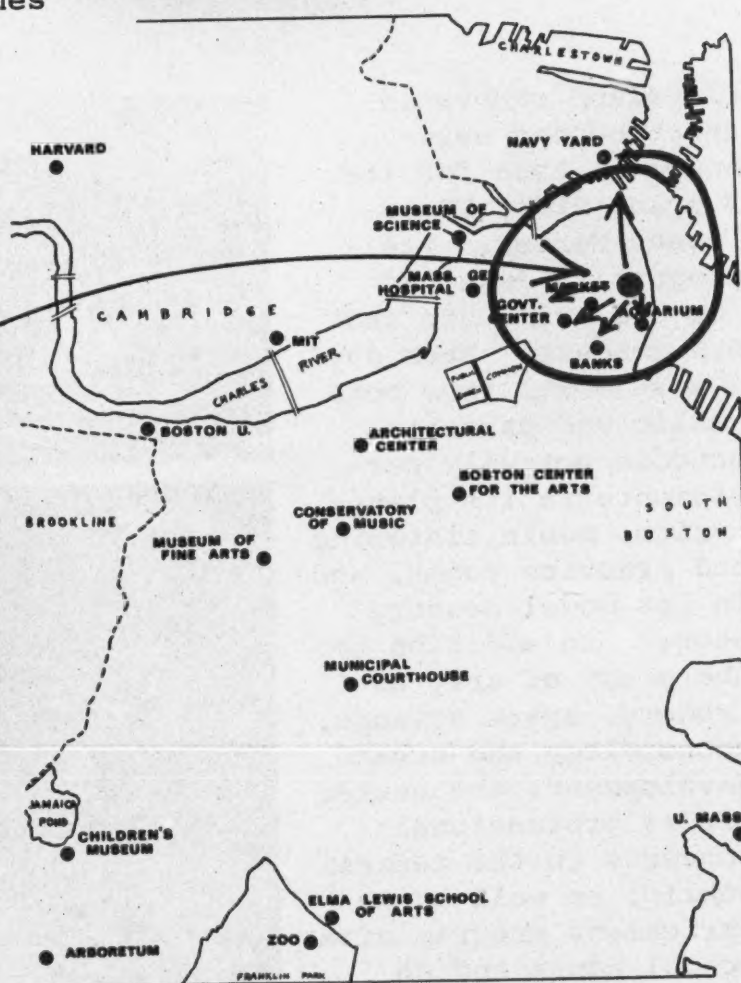
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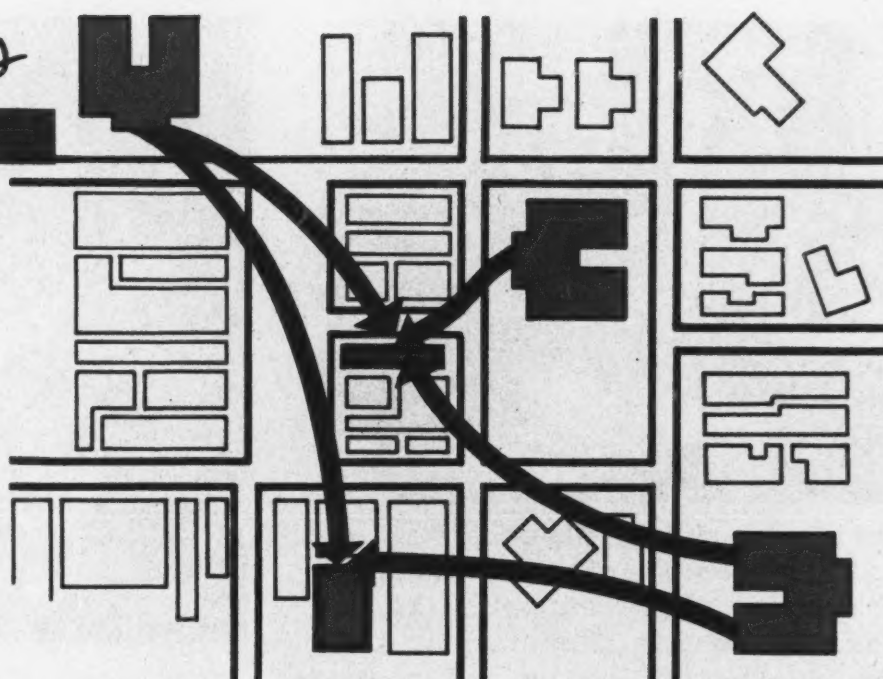
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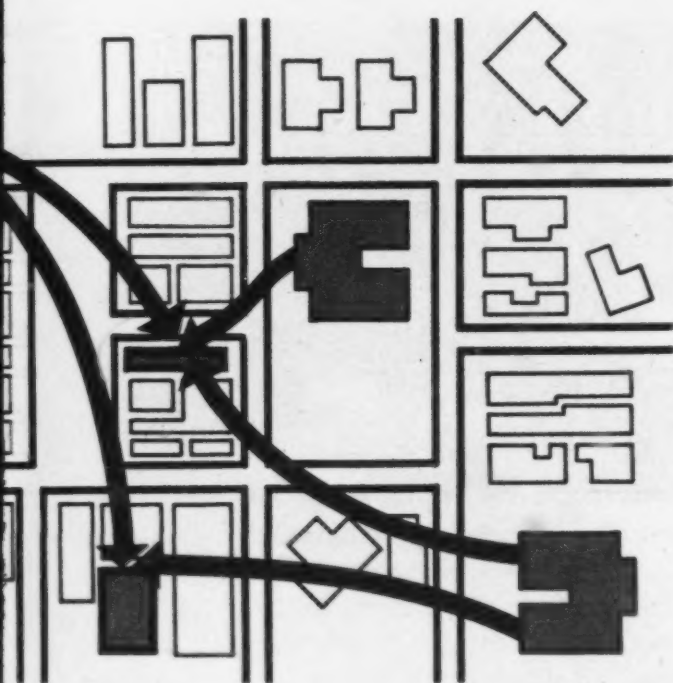


Cleveland renovated an abandoned warehouse in 1966 for its Supplementary Educational Center. Its program is designed for 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Each day 375 students from both public and parochial schools actively participate in its planetarium, music listening and practice rooms, and in its model country store. In addition to the study of art, astronomy, space science, meteorology and urban development, the center offers professional concerts to the general public, as well as an enrichment program after school hours and on Saturdays.



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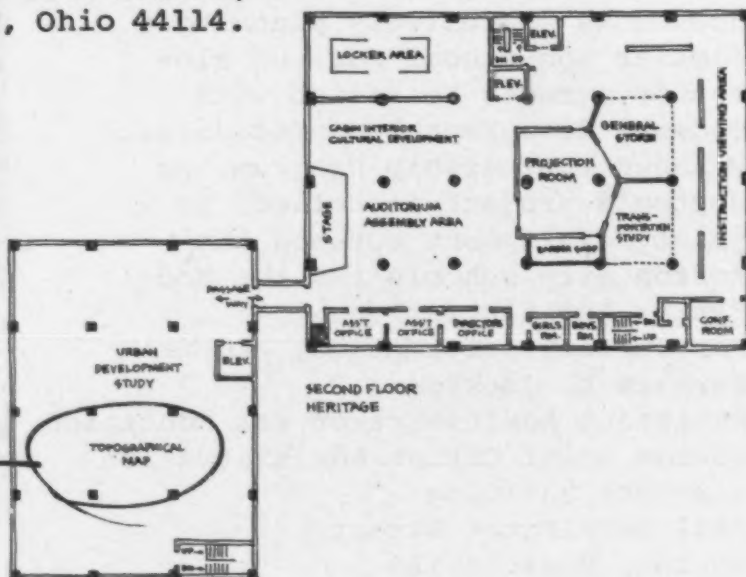




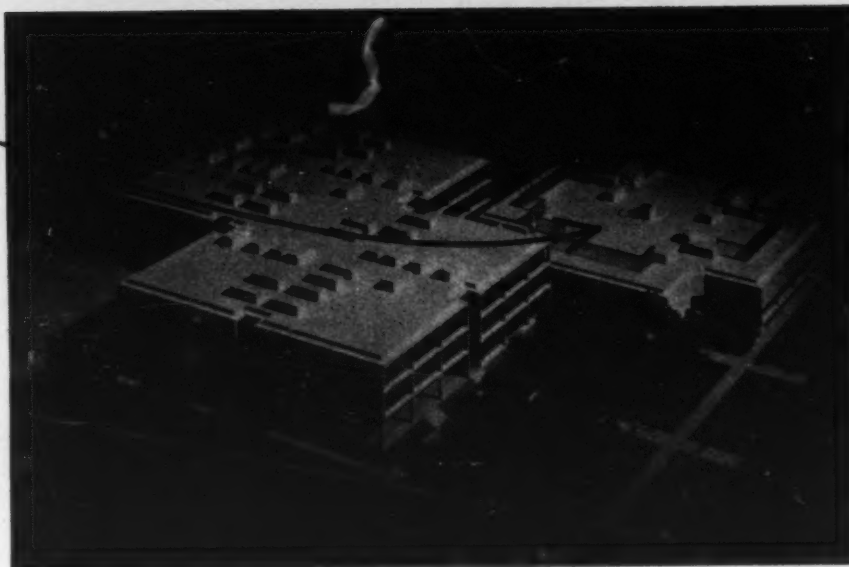
When a community cannot provide the sort of facilities used in non-school programs, the city can build resource centers to provide specific activities, such as labs, gyms or studios. These resource centers are shared by several schools that otherwise would not have had the space or money to provide the facilities themselves. Resource centers do not need playgrounds, cafeterias, auditoriums and other amenities of regular schoolhouses, and so can be installed in found spaces, such as warehouses or storefronts.



The floor of the Cleveland Supplementary Education Center devoted to cultural heritage includes a large model of the city to demonstrate scale and urban growth patterns of the greater Cleveland area. Other floors of the Center are for science, communication, assembly and a lunchroom. Write: Donald G. Quick, Director, Supplementary Education Center, 1365 East 12th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44114.



Chicago will soon have a 40,000 sq ft resource center called the Disney Magnet Communications Arts Center. When opened, the building will be a teaching tool for 600 elementary children during school hours, and open to the community in the evenings. Classes will not meet on a regular schedule, but teachers will be able to reserve space for whatever length of time they require. A computer will help schedule the center for its optimum usage. The resource center will offer a variety of equipment not usually a part of standard school facilities: photography, television and recording equipment as well as kilns, easels and facilities for impromptu theater.



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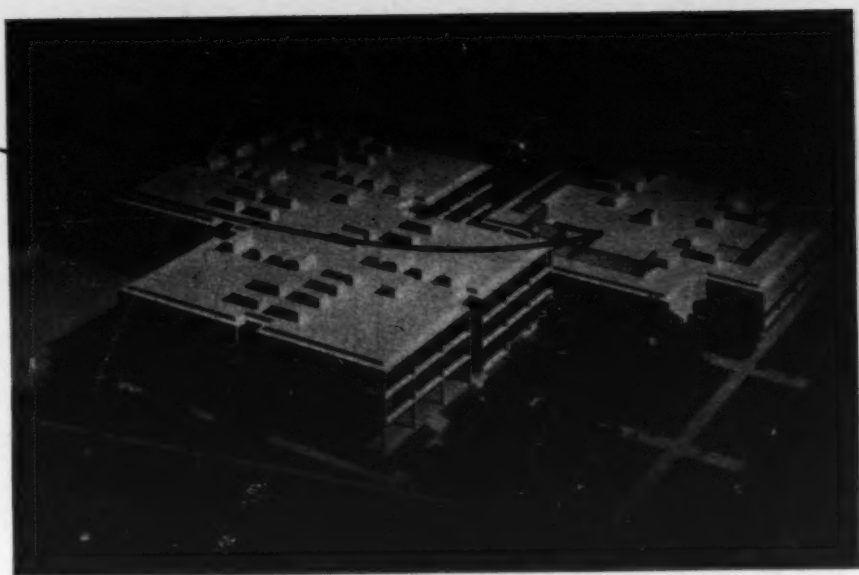
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Write: James E. Contee,
Morgan Community Education
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Washington, D. C. 20009



Disney Magnet School will have a one-story communications arts center (upper right of picture). The resource center will have its own entrances so that it can be available to the community when the rest of the school is closed.

Write: Jacques C. Brownson
Managing Architect
Public Building Commission
159 North Dearborn Street
Chicago, Ill. 60601

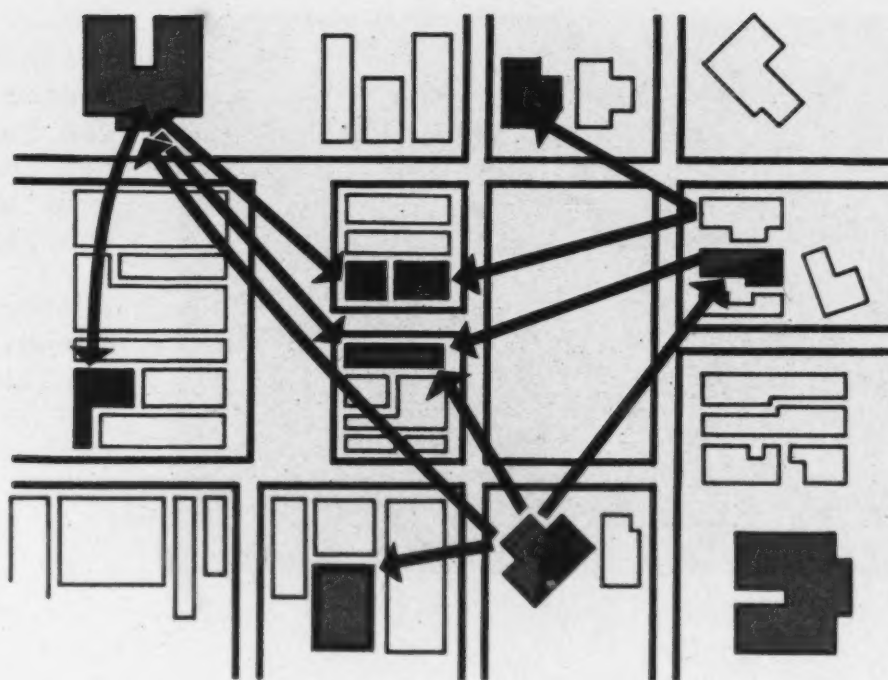


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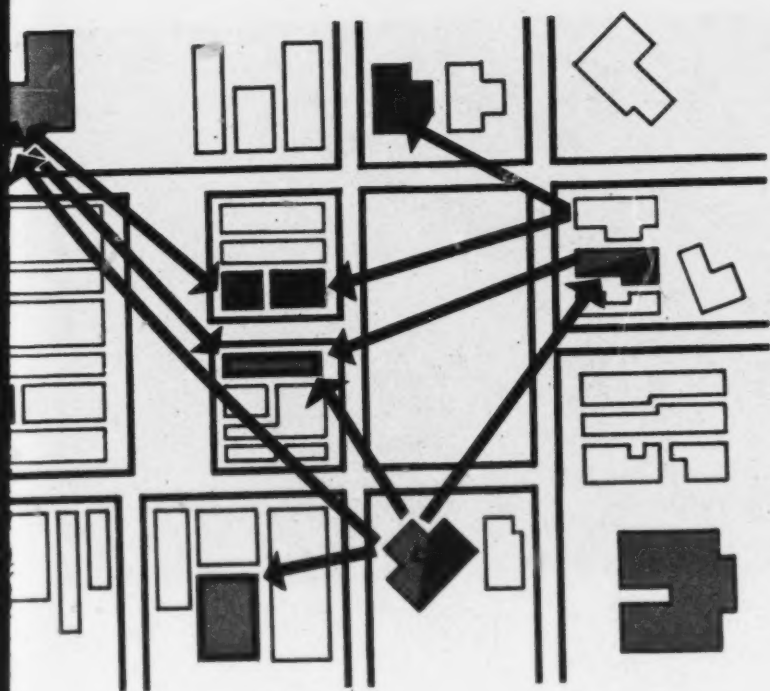
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The Everywhere School



Although the SAND school is now in a warehouse, it is a forerunner of comprehensive school-community planning. When the SAND urban renewal project is constructed, there will be no separation among the elements of a neighborhood. Housing, health, education, recreation and other facilities will all function together as a community. Write: Jack Dollard, Hartford Design Group, 470 Asylum Street, Hartford, Conn. 06103.





The Everywhere School concept combines home base, non-school and resource center programs. It houses students in several small schoolhouses or found spaces and sends students into the community to use the facilities for educational purposes. However, where the community facilities are lacking, the Everywhere School builds resource centers to be shared by its students and the community. The school, therefore, becomes an integral part of the community life, never a structure or way of life apart from its community vision or its ambitions.

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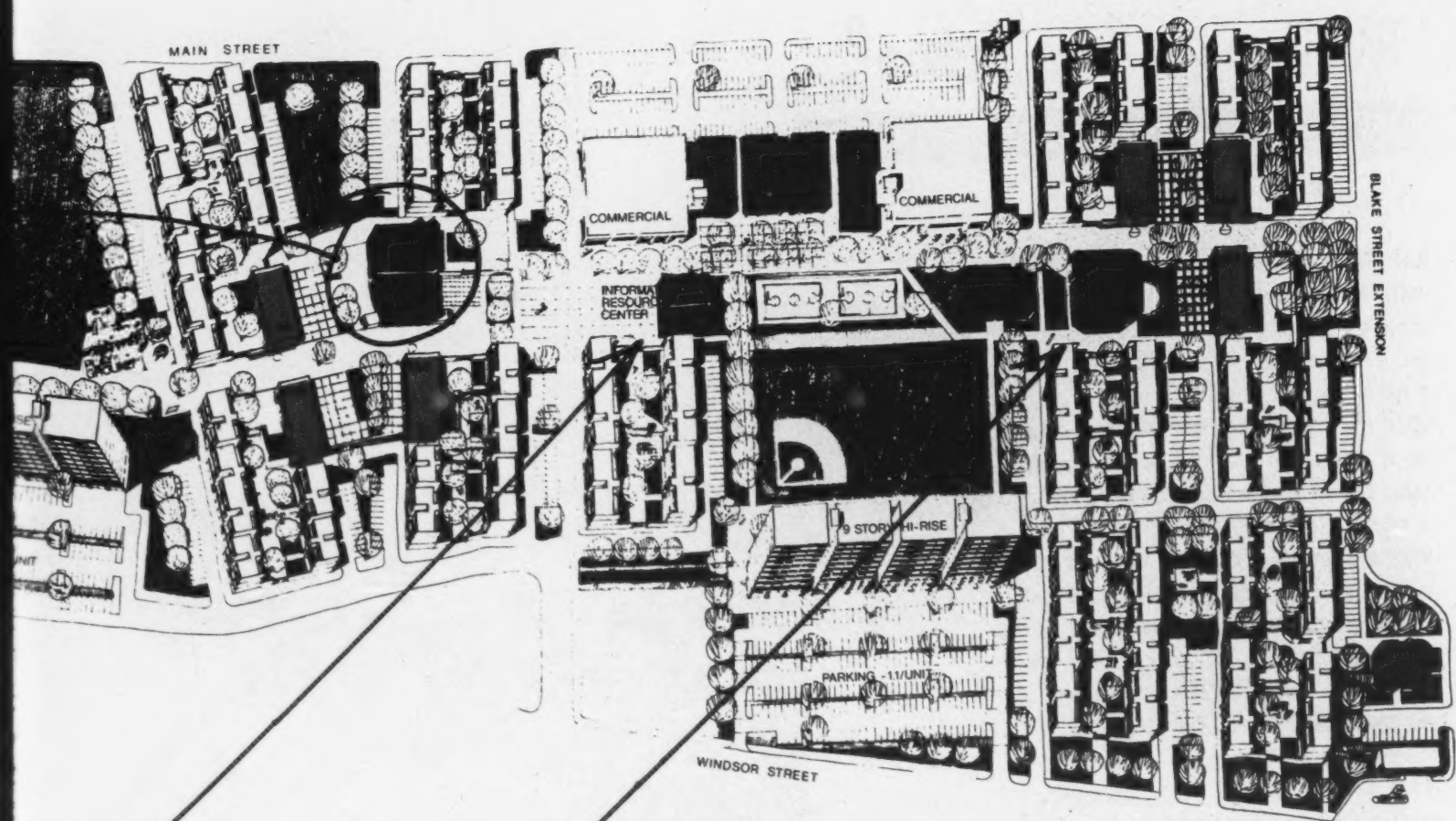




The South Arsenal Neighborhood Development Corporation (SAND) of Hartford, Conn., is involved in the organization of such a school. When completed, it will have for its home bases eight multi-instructional areas (shown in grey) for elementary grades in a new low-income housing project to be constructed on the site of a slum neighborhood which is 60% black, 40% Puerto Rican. Its library will be available to the community as a meeting place, its auditorium as a community theater, its gymnasium and arts and industrial crafts rooms will also be used by both young people and adults as community resource centers. South Arsenal sees both its housing and school as a unit, an educational way of life, "the university." A Board of Education principal will head the school, but he will be responsible only to

SOUTH ARSENAL NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

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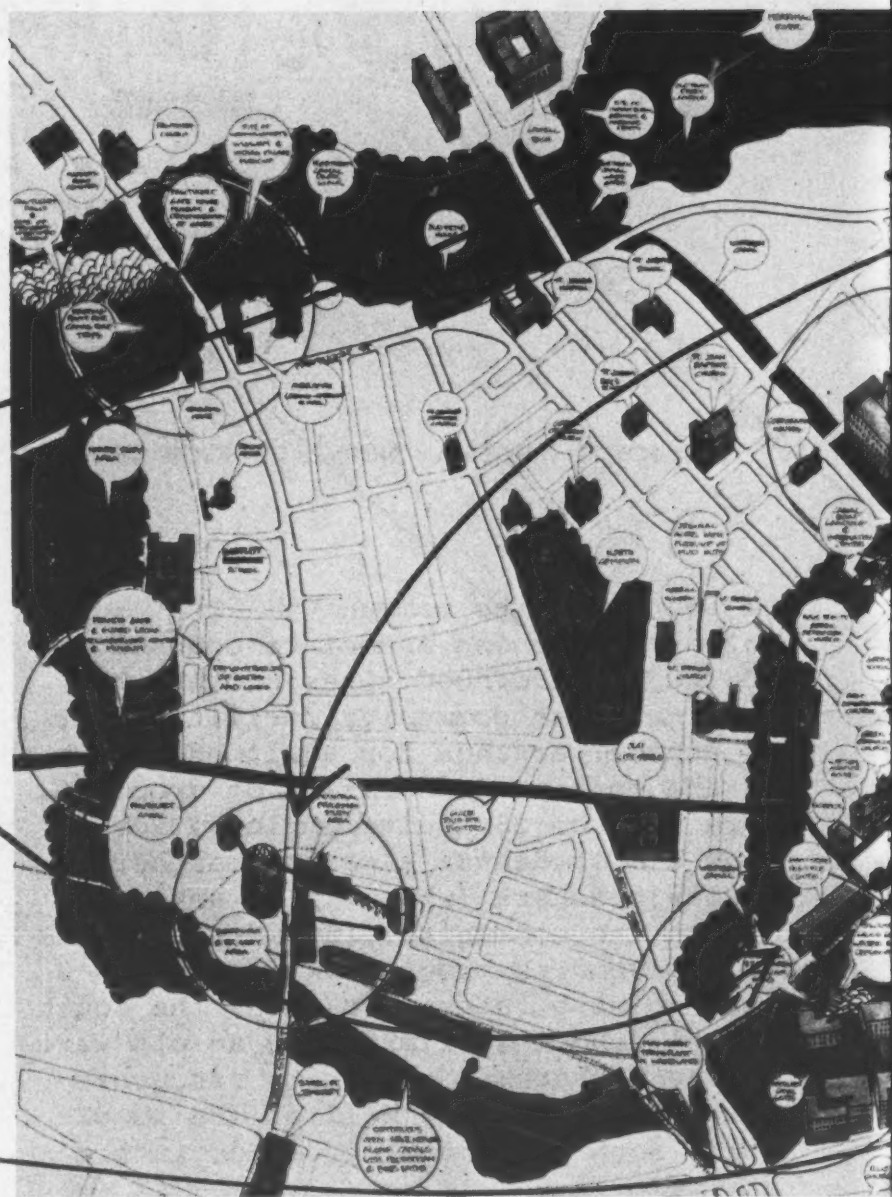


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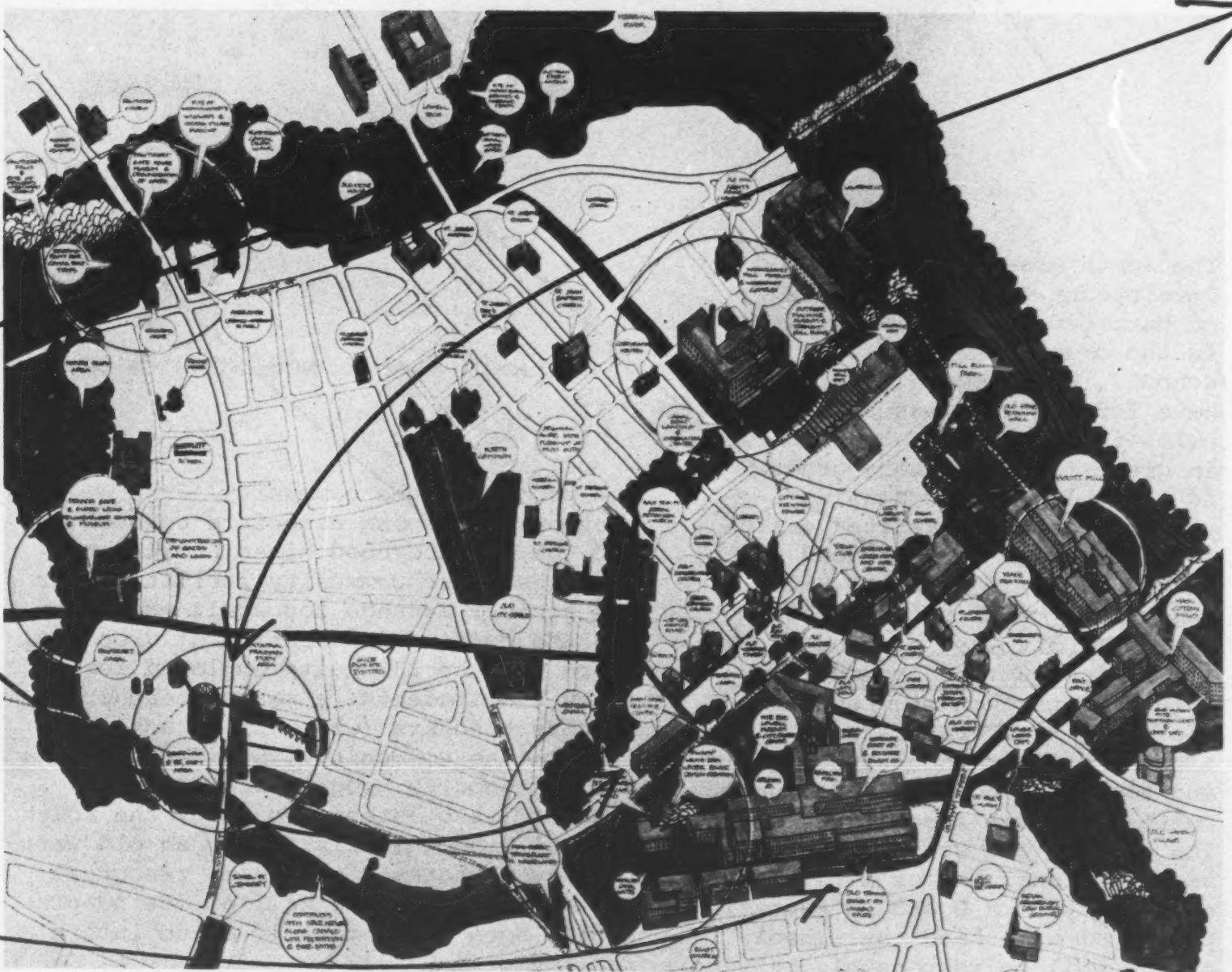
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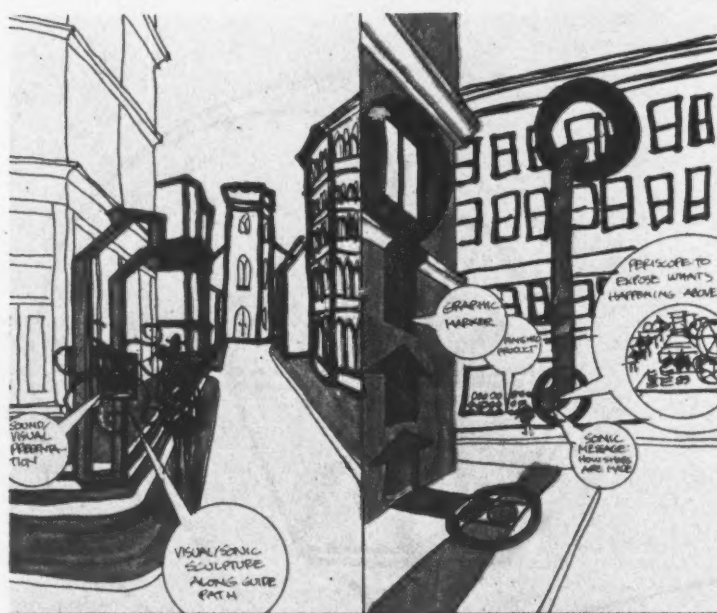
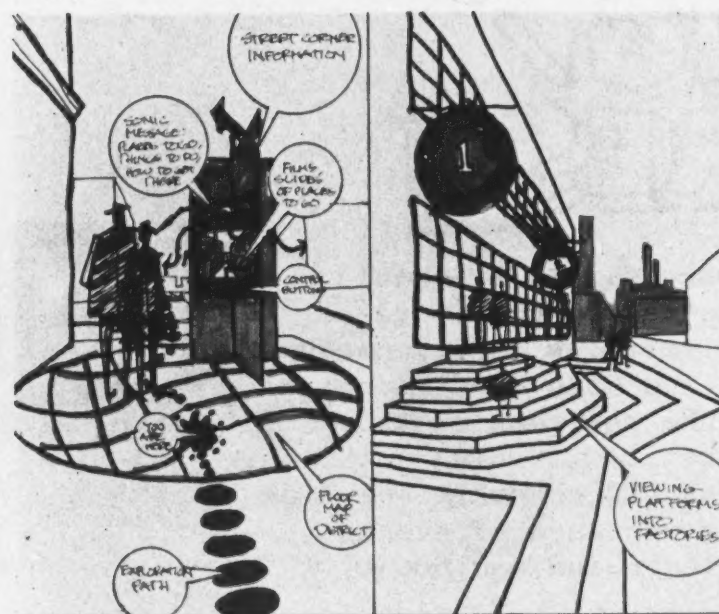
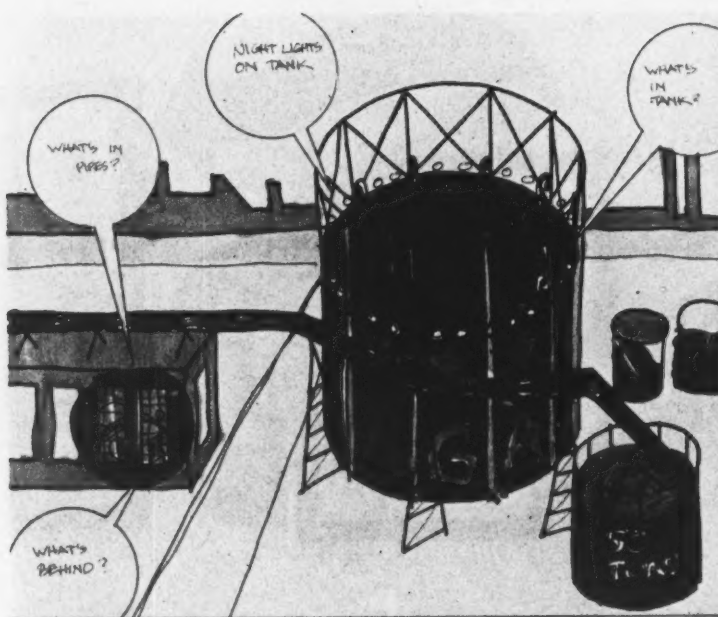
The Everywhere School

Lowell, Mass., is planning a considerably more ambitious everywhere school. It intends to turn this old industrial city into a huge Human Development Center, a great educational complex which will cover everything from the schooling of expectant mothers and infant education through post-graduate college studies. The plan will provide a series of paths crisscrossing the city and furnished with all manner of informational settings, primarily related to the history of Lowell. Outdoor digs and neighborhood museums, furnished with relics of Lowell's origins and past, will dot the landscape. An old mill will be converted into instructional centers, relating to the old and new industries in Lowell, as well as into workshops and laboratories for every phase of learning. It is a project which will use found (old) space rather than building from scratch. It will use all the resources of the city, churches, historical architecture, railyards and factories, even its old jail, for a kind of total education for all its citizens.



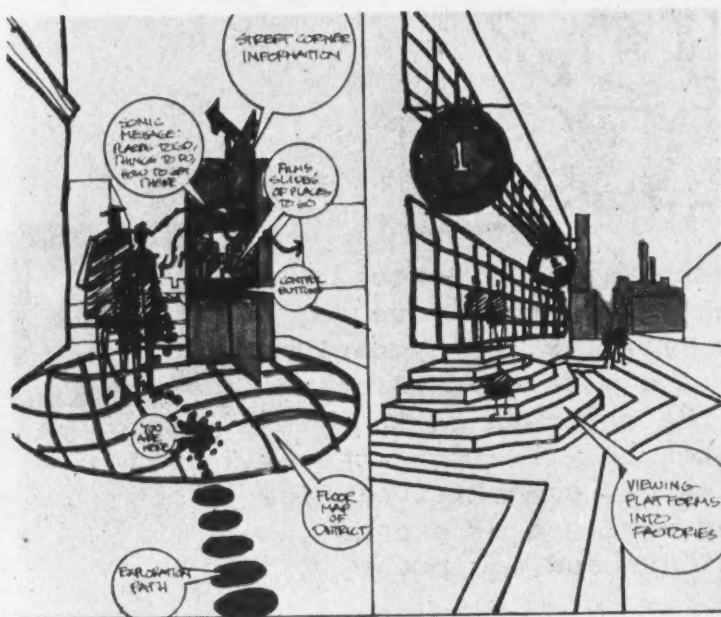
THE LOWELL SCHOOL-CITY PLAN
Write: Patrick J. Mogan
Director
Education Component
Lowell Model Cities
400 Merrimack Street
Lowell, Mass. 01852





WITH PAINT, GRAPHICS, PLATFORMS, MONEY AND A GREAT DEAL OF INGENUITY, LOWELL PLANS TO DESIGN THE CITY AS A MAMMOTH TEACHING TOOL.

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7. PLANNING / PROCEDURES

In the 1950's, planning and building were simple. Schools were a series of classrooms strung together by corridors to which were added libraries, cafeterias, offices and gymnasiums. Architects were hired by school boards and made most planning decisions with the superintendent and the chairman of the school building committee. When the architect finished the drawings and specifications, contractors bid competitively for the construction contract. This linear sequence of events finished with the installation of furniture and equipment.

Today, as the first six sections of this report demonstrate, the nature of the schoolhouse has changed dramatically. This section reports on the changing planning and building procedures for creating the new educational facilities. New techniques and methods have been developed for a new set of conditions which include:



A great number of people are involved in the decisions affecting school planning. Called community control, decentralization, user input, or whatever, the direct users - teachers and students - and the indirect users - parents and community - give their views on education and the facilities that house it.



With more people involved, it's difficult to reach a consensus on proposals unless the public is well informed. This requires improved communications using architectural models, simulations and other graphic techniques.



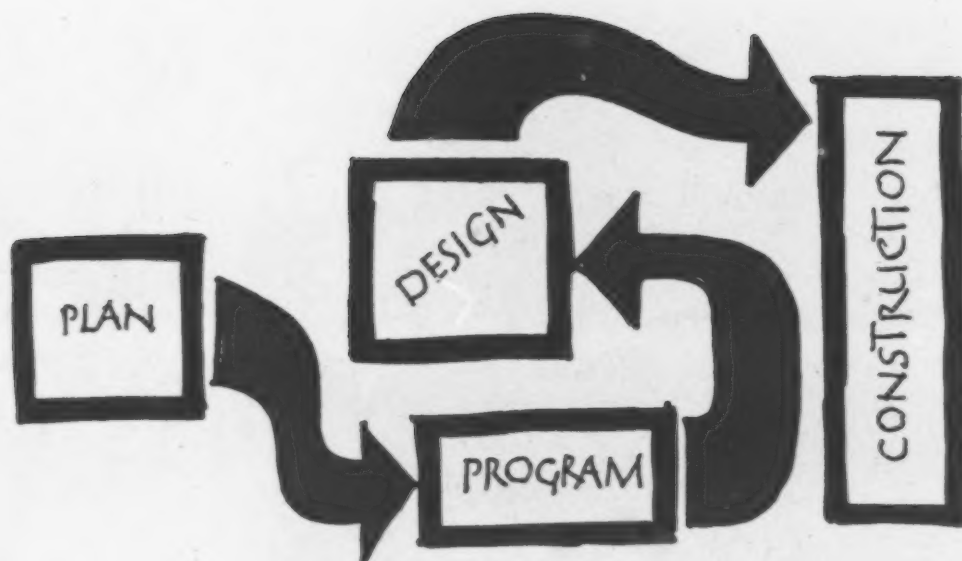
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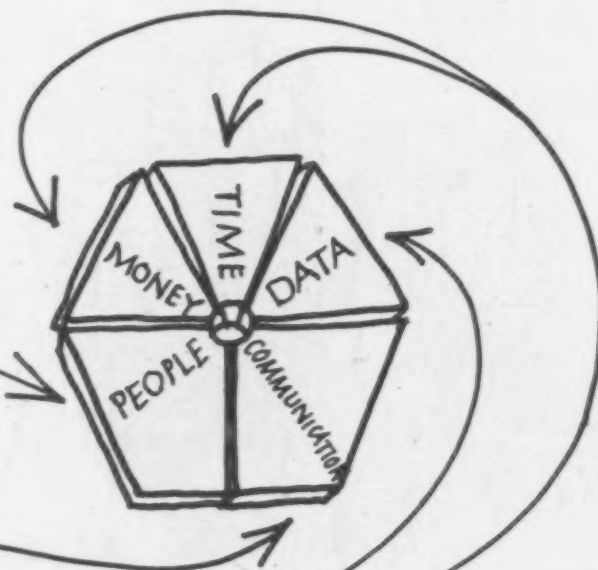


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Community Planning Centers

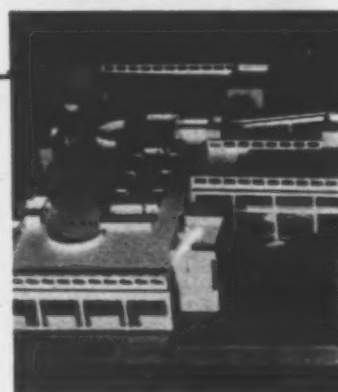
Each community approaches the problem of planning its schools in a manner best suited to its character and its finances.

Often this calls for the creation of a local, or community, board planning center. As an example, East Orange, N. J., found a way to involve the whole community when the school board started on a new middle school. It rented a store for the architect

for five months while he designed the school. Several people dropped in each day to see what was going on, ask questions, make recommendations. The keen interest in and desire for recreational facilities influenced the location and accessibility of the gymnasium and pool. Even the overall design -- the use of ramps to relate inside and out, the provision of additional rooftop play-space, the decentralized circulation pattern so children can pop into school from any direction -- evolved from the dialogue between architect and community. Write: Russell A. Jackson, Superintendent, East Orange Public Schools, 21 Winans Street, East Orange, N. J. 07017.



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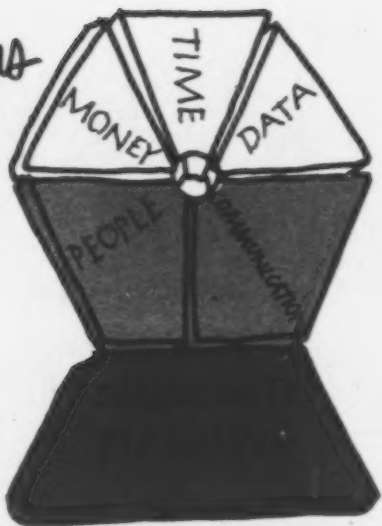


THE DENNIS-YARMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL
COMMUNITY PLANNING CENTER

Write: John A. Murphy, Superintendent
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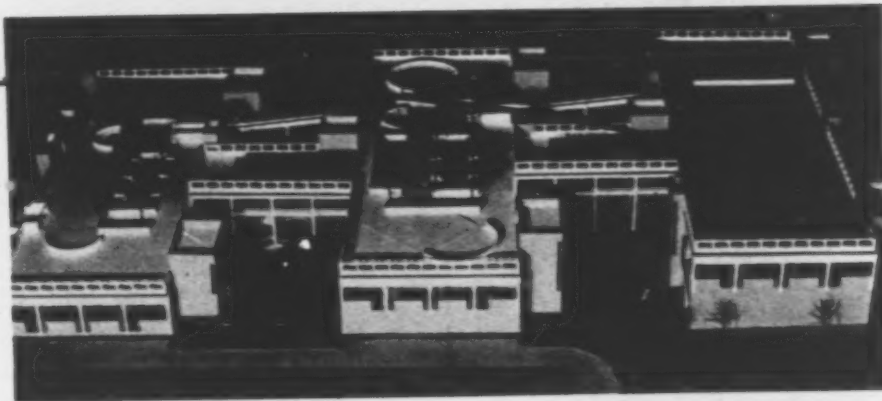


The planning is completed; now
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* See: 1.FOUND SPACE, p.4



THE EAST ORANGE MIDDLE SCHOOL DESIGN
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For an addition to a regional high school, a Massachusetts
school district has rented a storefront in a shopping mall
for a community planning center. Citizens who visit the
center are expected to react to issues of curriculum eval-
uation, vocational-technical planning, alternative scheduling,
adult education and the use of community resources in lieu
of new construction. A task force composed of six community
leaders, six parents, six students and six faculty members
will hold public meetings in the planning center, which will
be staffed for at least three months by the project's planners.

Charettes



A charette is an intensified planning session where a community, with the guidance of consultants, thrashes out the problems of planning and designing educational facilities. Communication between the community and the professionals gives direction to further action. In fact, the charette's greatest value frequently is the ad hoc follow-up committee which coordinates a charette's findings and keeps interest in a new school alive. The U. S. Office of Education no longer funds charettes but is an excellent source of general information on the subject. Write: William W. Chase, Deputy Director, Facilities Development Staff, U. S. Office of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S. W., ROB - 3, Room 2600, Washington, D. C. 20202.



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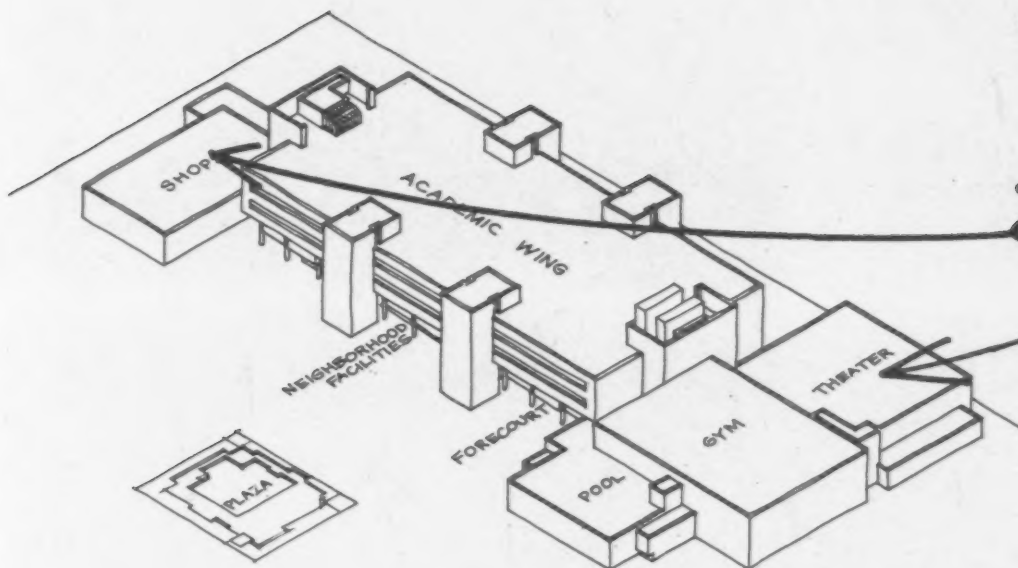
York, Pa., had a charette to try to solve community social problems -- it was successful in part because of the use of posters such as this one, buttons, bumper stickers and circulars. Write: Cliss Keslar
725 G. Hardwick Place
York, Pa. 17404



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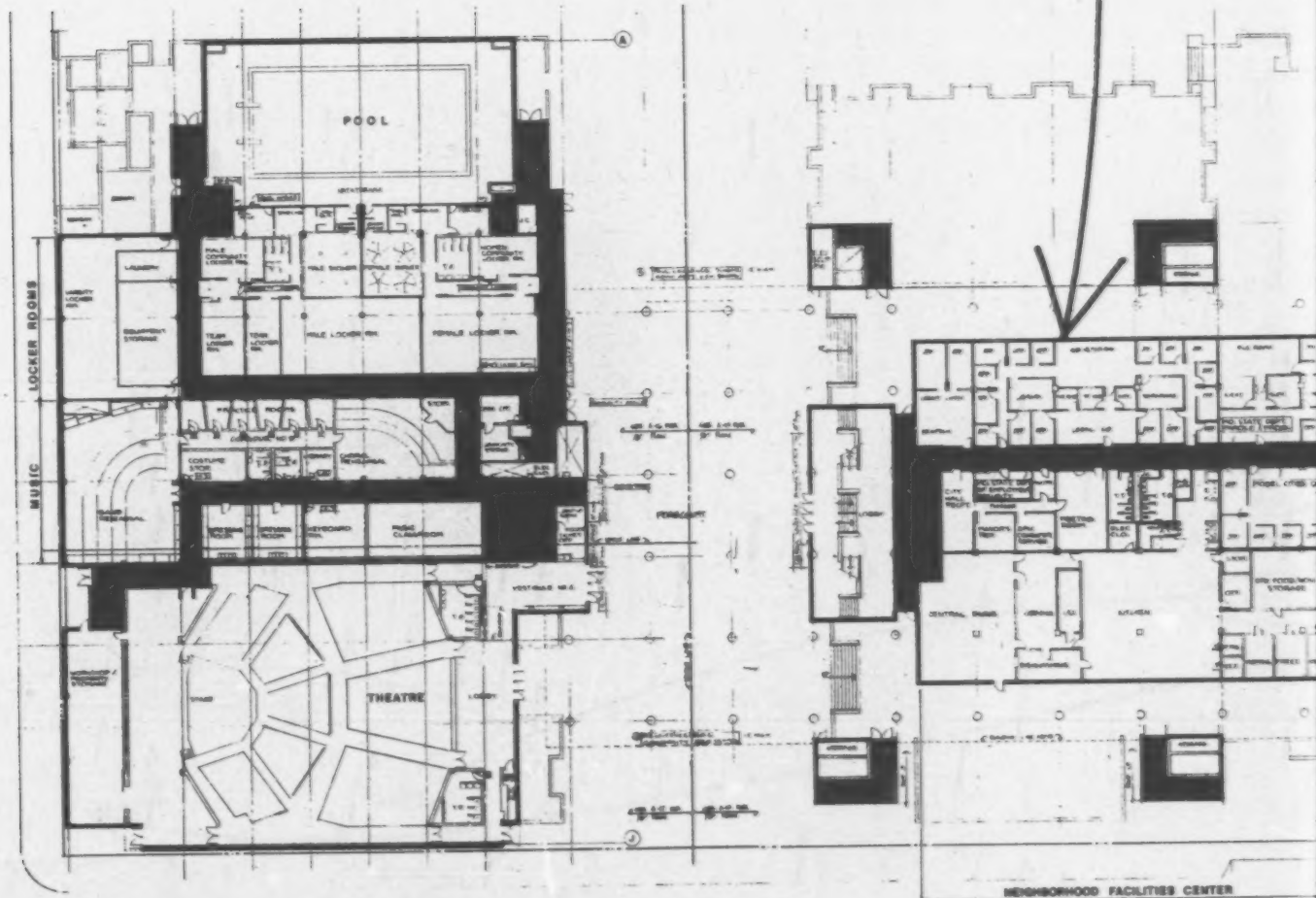
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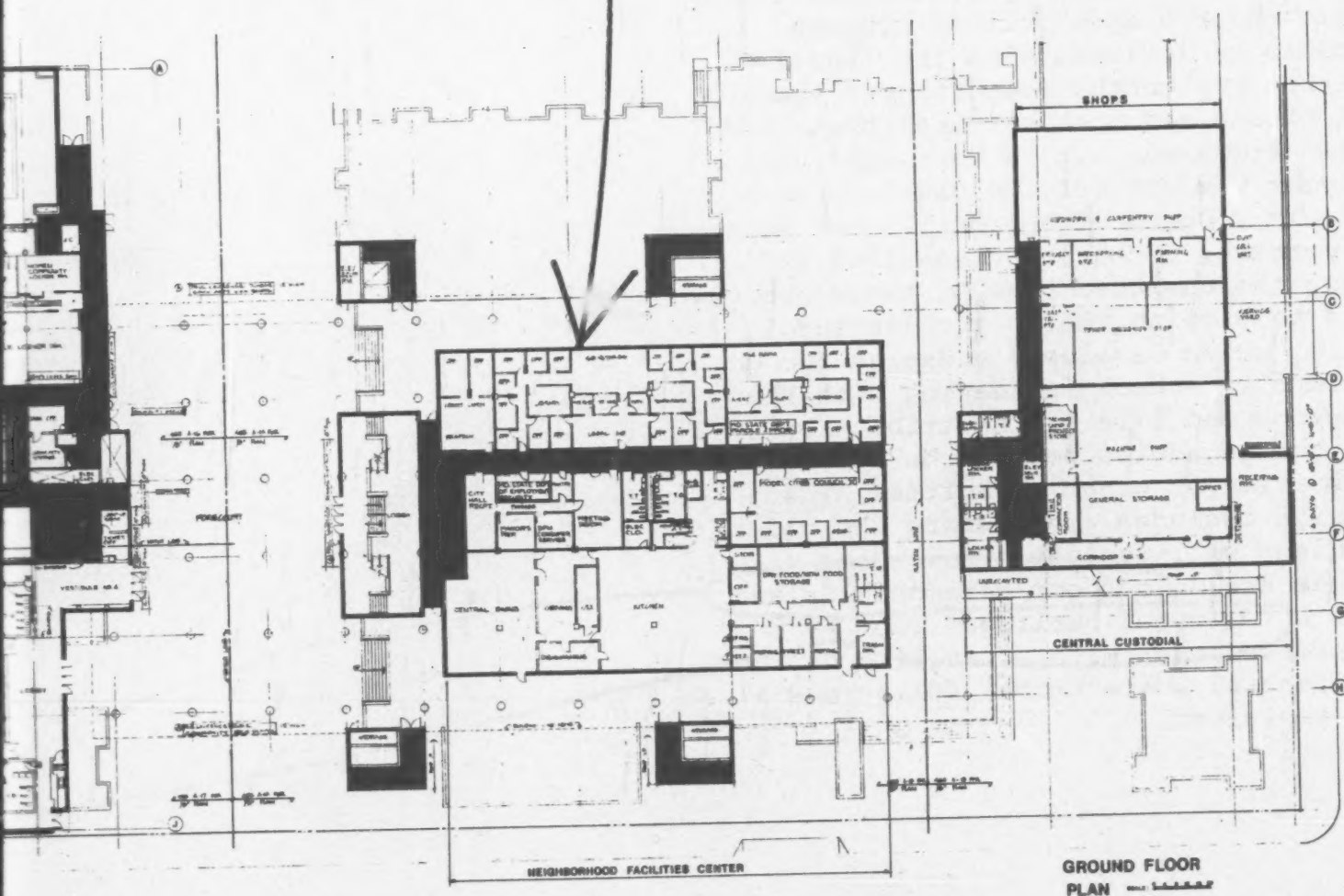
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477 Madison Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10022



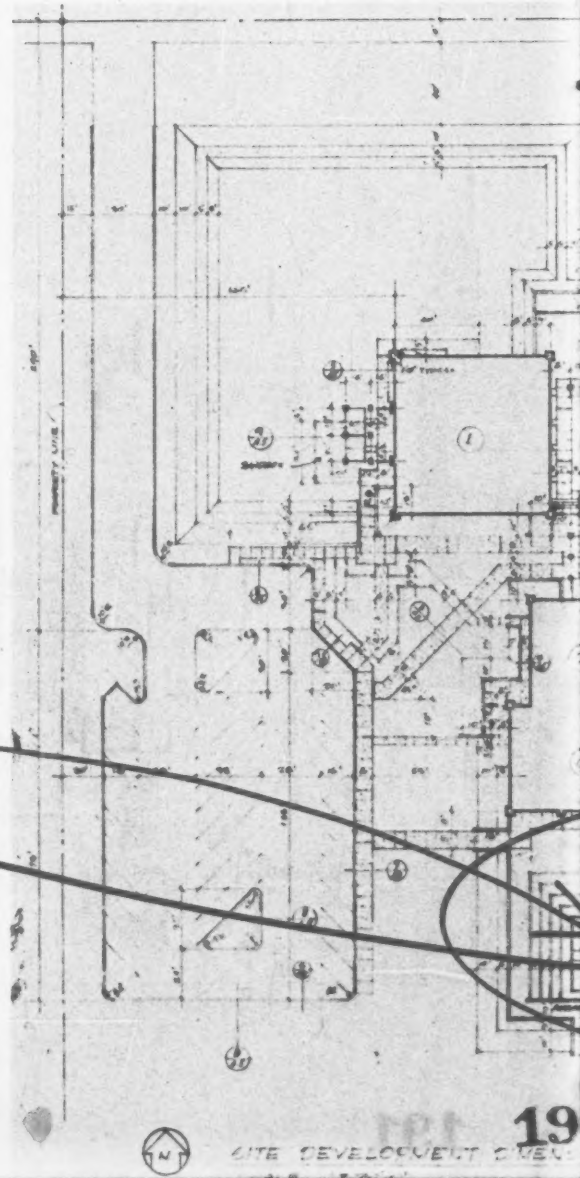
Charettes

The Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona was faced with replacing or expanding an old K-4 school in the town of Casa Blanca. The Bureau of Indian Affairs usually controls building programs on reservations, but for the first time it encouraged the Gila River Tribe to develop its own education program for children on the reservation. A charette was held in April, 1971 to determine what grades and programs should be accommodated, and whether community facilities available under a model cities program should be included with the school. Within two months, educational specifications and architectural plans had been prepared. It is estimated that a year was cut off the usual bureaucratic process of approval. And more important, the Gilas themselves had made the choices. One of these choices was to hire an Indian architectural firm, which developed a design for a community school in keeping with the customs and life of the tribe. To encourage adults to use the school for education or other activities, the design includes areas where the older Indians will feel at ease. Some of these are an outdoor ceremonial plaza and a "cultural heritage" room -- a depressed area with a cavelike, earthy atmosphere where tribal folklore will be exhibited.

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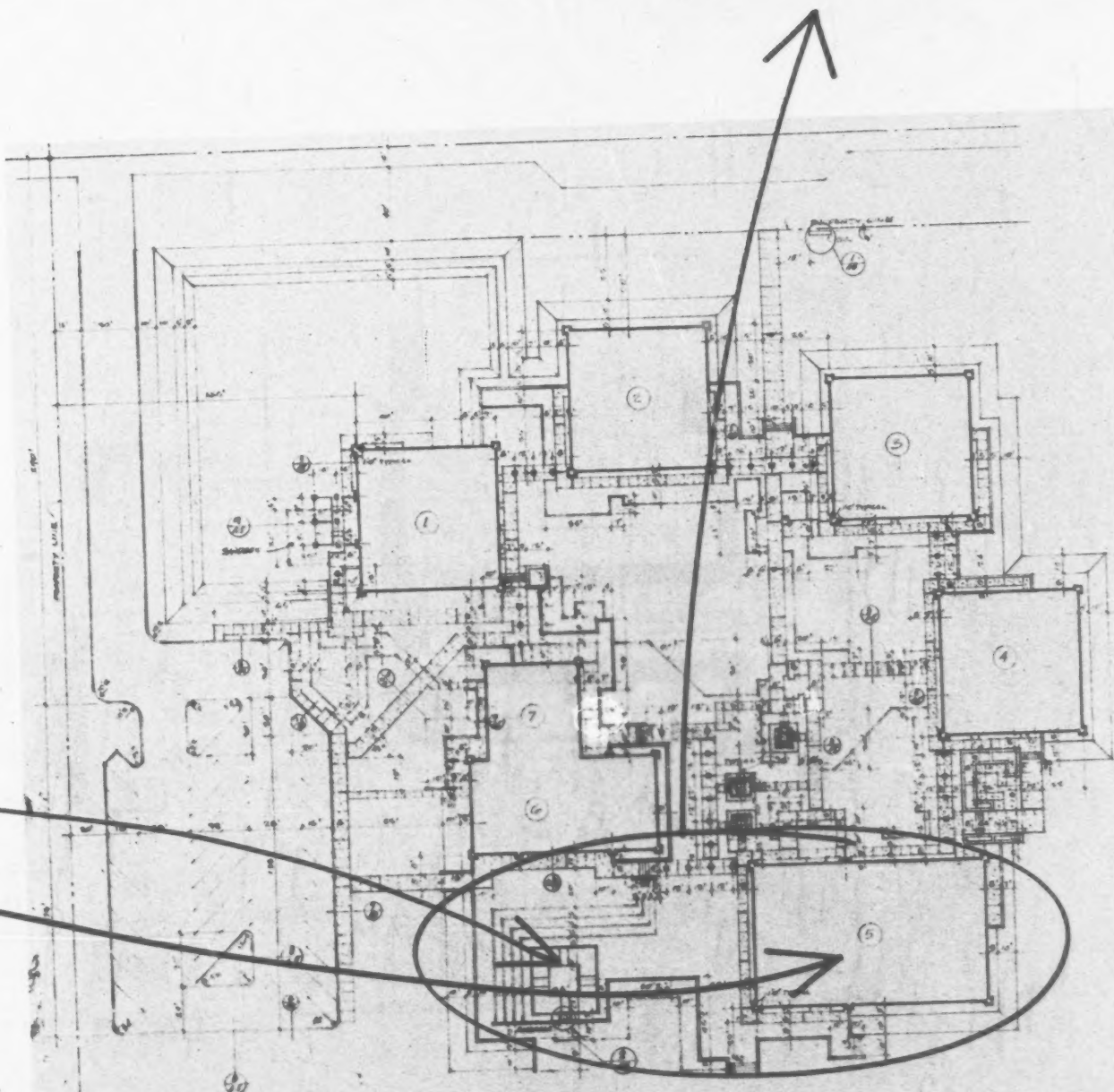
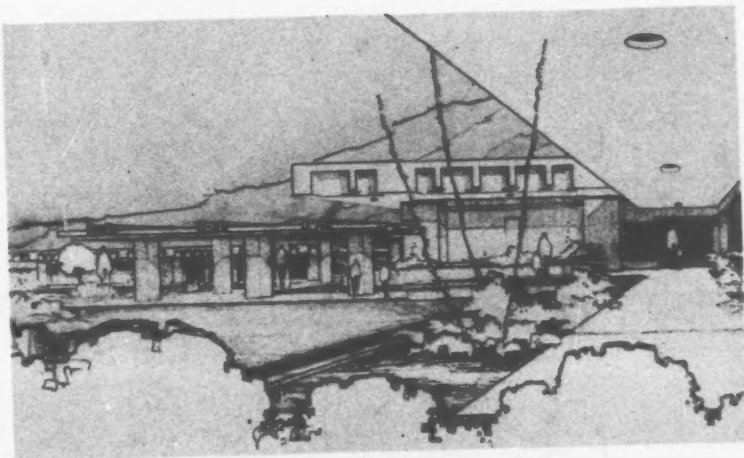
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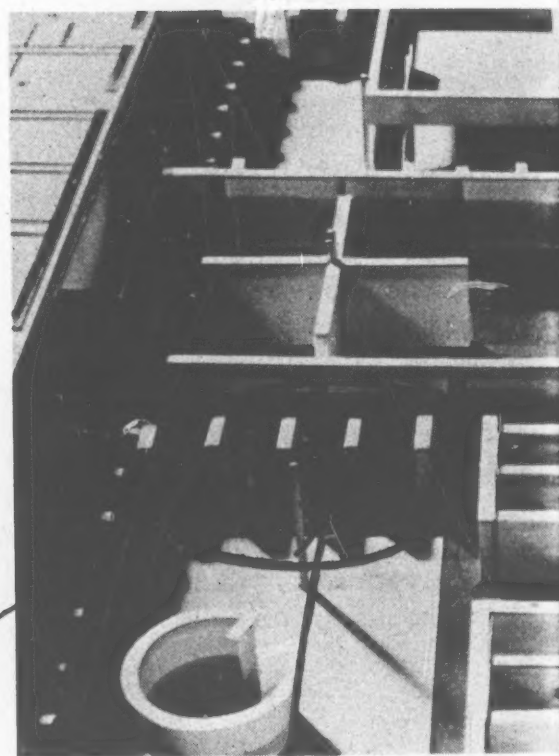
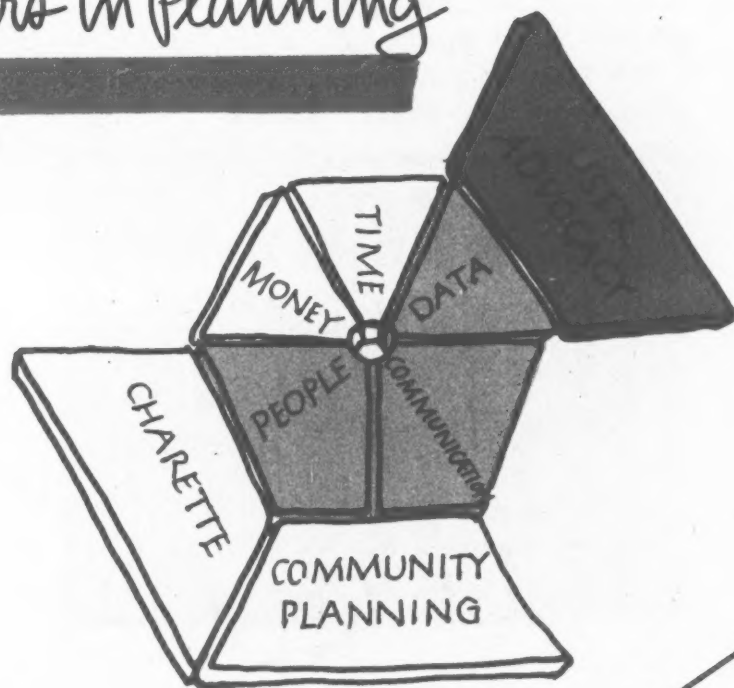


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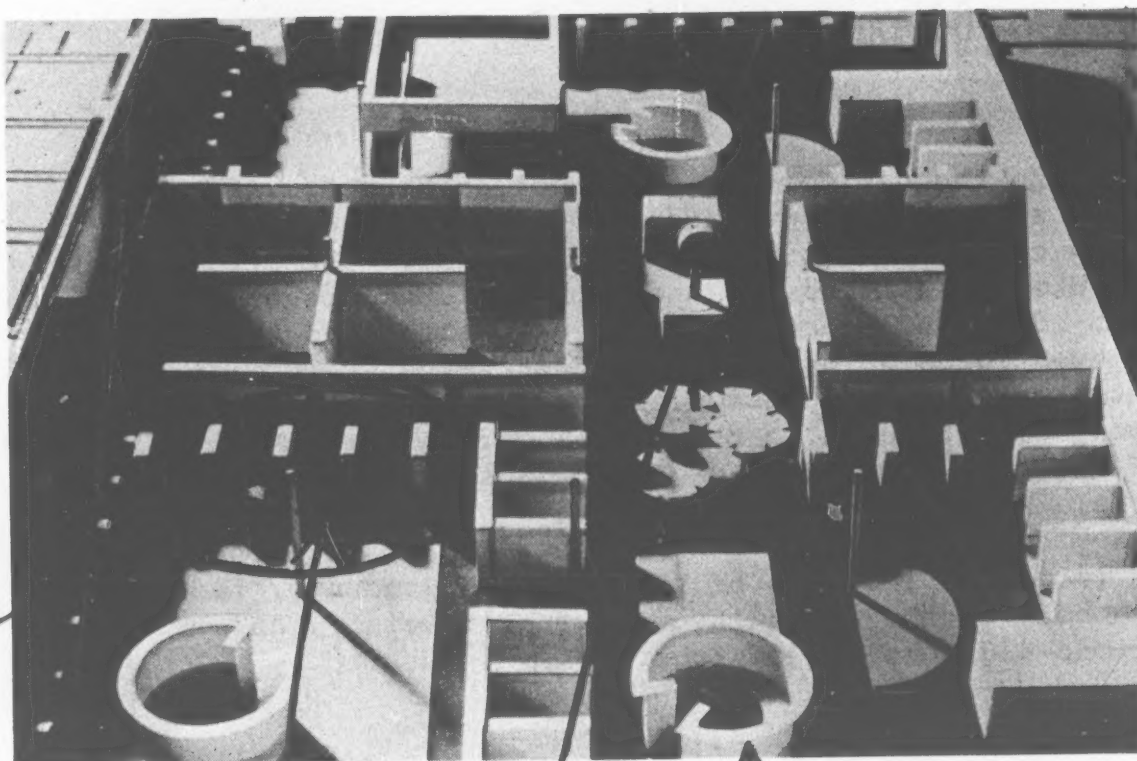


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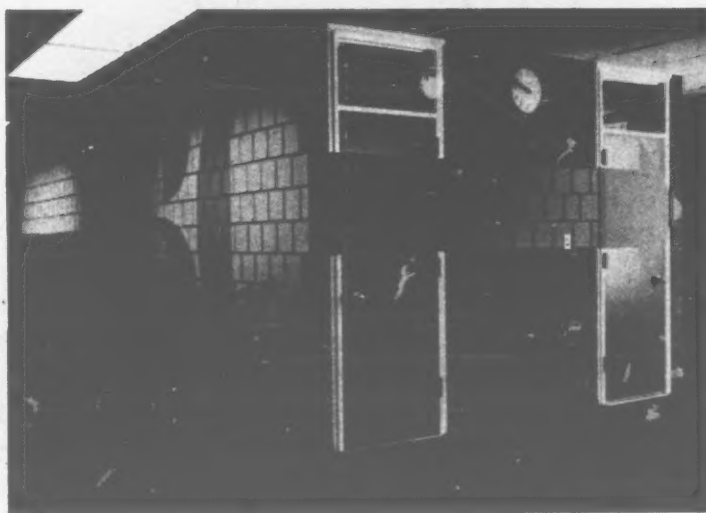
Users of schools, students and teachers, are often involved in the planning process along with the community. They have participated in charettes, but in some cases the students have been given a larger role in planning their school environment. The Warehouse Cooperative School in Roxbury, Mass., for example, allowed pupils to design and, in effect, create their own environments within a converted warehouse. The parents asked the architect to work with pupils and staff to evolve a floor plan based on user requirements. A model of the proposal was built by the pupils. The result was much like a town with a "city hall" for public utilities (telephone, mail, kitchen, mirror and clock), "community centers" for group activities and "neighborhoods" for the separation of age groups. These are composed of a series of carrels called "houses" providing each pupil with a private space in which he can effect change in his environment. Pictures and graffiti are altered frequently, and scraps of lumber are available for bridges, roofs or wood working.

Write: Knowles & Darlene Daugherty
Warehouse Cooperative School
100 Magazine Street
Roxbury, Mass. 02119

Users in Planning

In planning the new North High School in Minneapolis, a class of sixteen students assisted the educational planning consultant for a couple of months. The students distributed questionnaires and tabulated the resulting student ideas and reactions to proposals for the new facility. Ideas were drawn from the community (primarily parents) during early design, when a week was set aside for people to come in to the school office to talk with staff from the Department of School Building Planning about plans for the new school. Later, during the preliminary design phase, the architects set up shop for two weeks in a drafting room of the school. Students, faculty and members of the community were free to visit, ask questions and make suggestions.

Several towns in Massachusetts have elicited the ideas of children for design of their schools. For an addition to the Brooks School now under construction in Lincoln, the architect held workshops with the sixth, seventh and eighth graders to discuss what they wanted in their future classrooms. As a direct response to student requests, colorful supergraphics are included. Many schools have placed view-windows and hardware for the convenience of the children rather than adults.



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Randolph Brown
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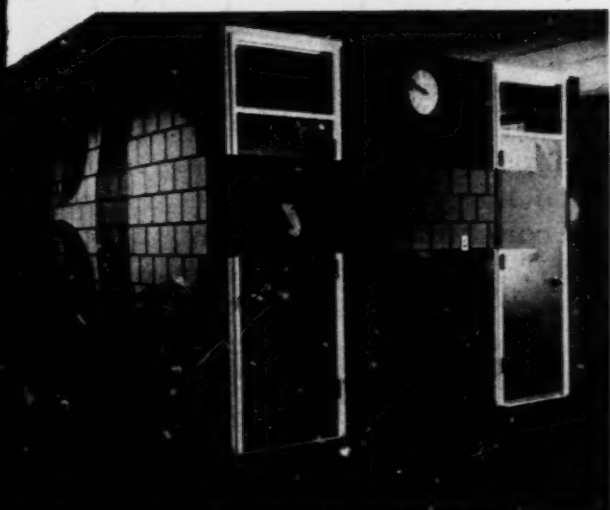
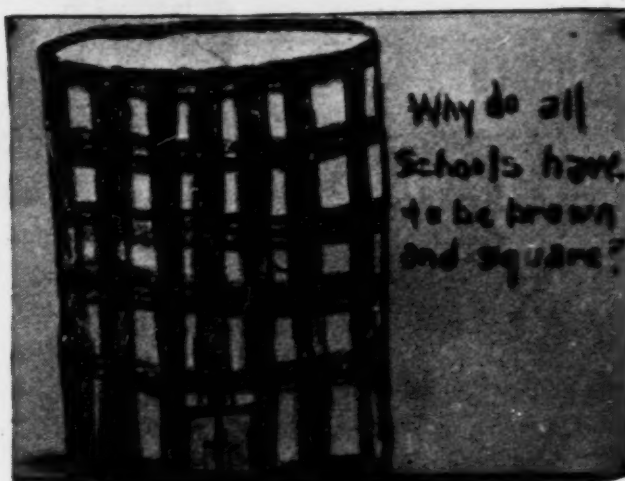
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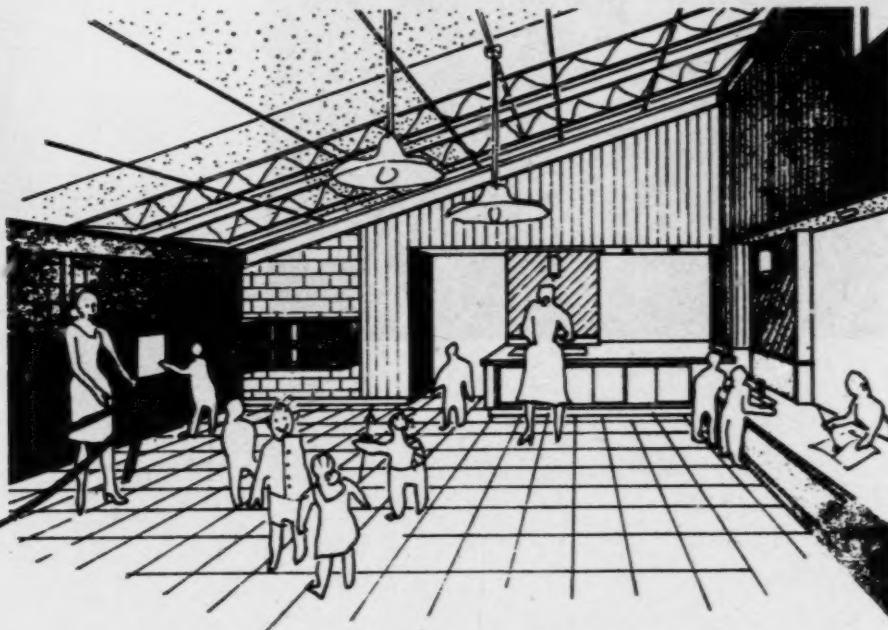


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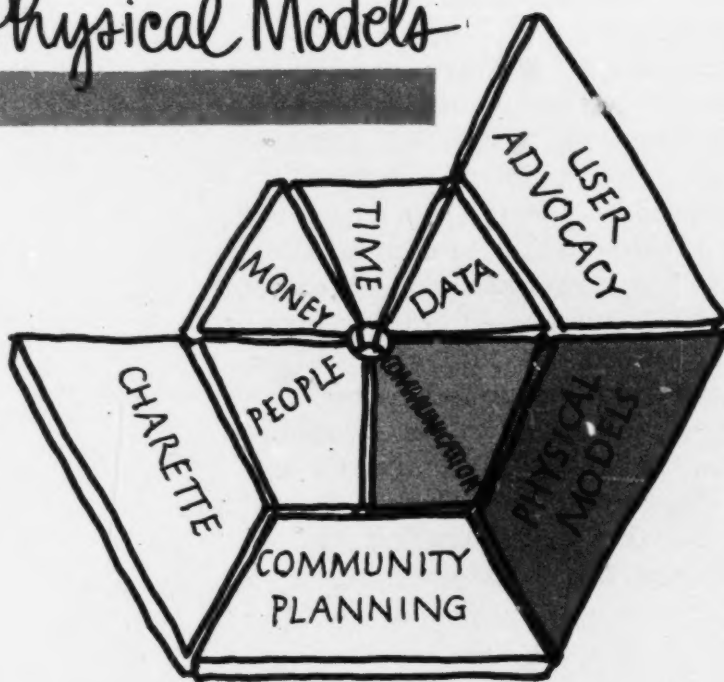


DISTRICT-WIDE KINDERGARTEN CENTER
 Sketch of a typical "wet area" showing sinks, view-
 windows and storage cubicles all scaled to the size
 of kindergarten pupils. Write: Lyman Avery,
 Superintendent, Mansfield Public Schools,
 P. O. Box 428, Mansfield, Mass. 02048



Write:
 Randolph Brown
 Superintendent
 Center School
 • Lincoln, Mass. 01773

Physical Models



A model is an excellent technique to draw planning process and to give a comprehensive proposed. Students at Harlem Prep in Manhattan in the interior design of their school. Starting with general discussions on design, interior designers worked with the students. Using small-scale furniture and their new method of students and a few members of the faculty to arrive at an arrangement to satisfy the modus operandi of the curriculum. The students selected the furniture and determined its placement. Write: Edward Carpenter, Headmaster, Harlem Prep High School, 2535 Eighth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10030.



Furniture models in drawer come complete with prices and name of manufacturer

Write:
John Z. Soso, Principal
Paul Revere School
555 Tompkins Avenue
San Francisco, Calif. 94110

For the Paul Revere School in San Francisco, representatives of the PTA are working on the interior layout in the renovation of the architect built a model with small-scale furniture and put the variable elements (furnishings) in a drawer. An arrangement to determine how much money is needed for the individual pieces will be priced and arranged to arrange the interior space to what they decide will be made for the project.

A model is an excellent technique to draw the uninitiated into the planning process and to give a comprehensible picture of what is proposed. Students at Harlem Prep in Manhattan built a model to assist them in the interior design of their school in a former supermarket. Starting with general discussions on design and quality of space, interior designers worked with the students and faculty for three days. Using small-scale furniture and their newly acquired knowledge, a group of students and a few members of the faculty used a trial and error method to arrive at an arrangement to satisfy the modus operandi of the curriculum. The students selected the furniture and determined its placement.

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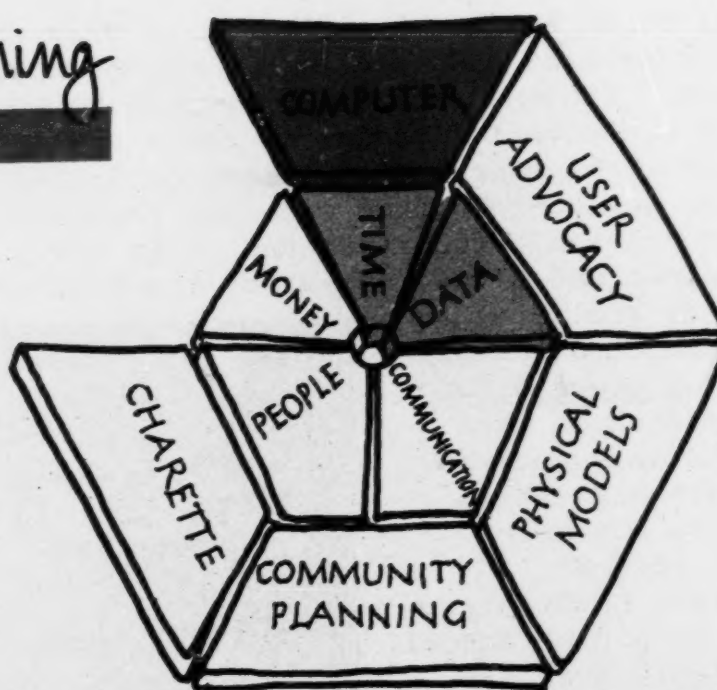


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For the Paul Revere School in San Francisco, faculty and representatives of the PTA are using a model to plan the interior layout in the renovated open plan school. For this, the architect built a model with all fixed elements in place and put the variable elements (partitions and interior furnishings) in a drawer. An early construction bid will determine how much money is left over for furnishings, and individual pieces will be priced. Teachers and parents will arrange the interior space to fit their needs and budget. What they decide will be made a part of the working drawings for the project.

Use of Data in Planning



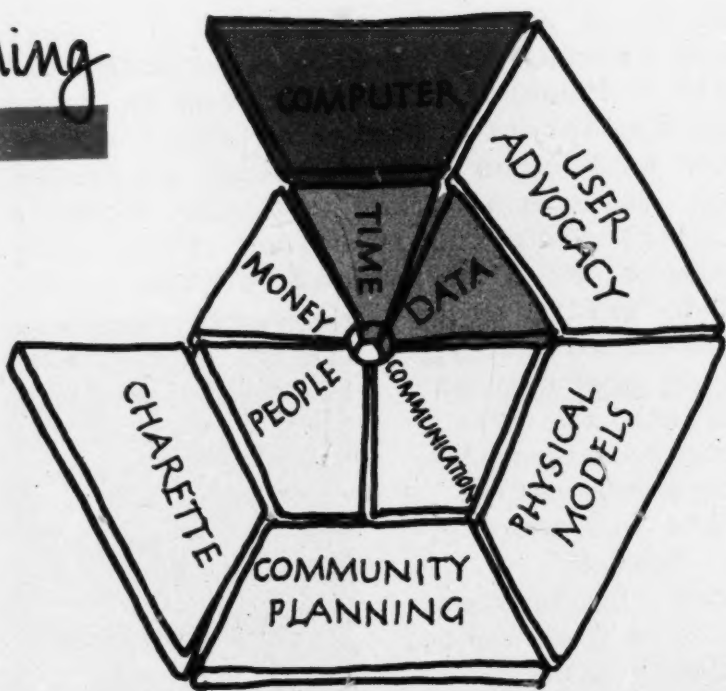
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In Ann Arbor, a system is being set up to make a computerized map of population densities and educational facilities. The computer program should automatically change district lines as changes in population or facilities occur. With information about the existing facilities also stored in the computer, the ultimate goal is to predict required facilities so as to aid in capital programming and financing. Write: Philip McIlroy, Deputy Superintendent for Planning, Ann Arbor Public Schools, 2555 South State Street, Ann Arbor, Mich. 48104.

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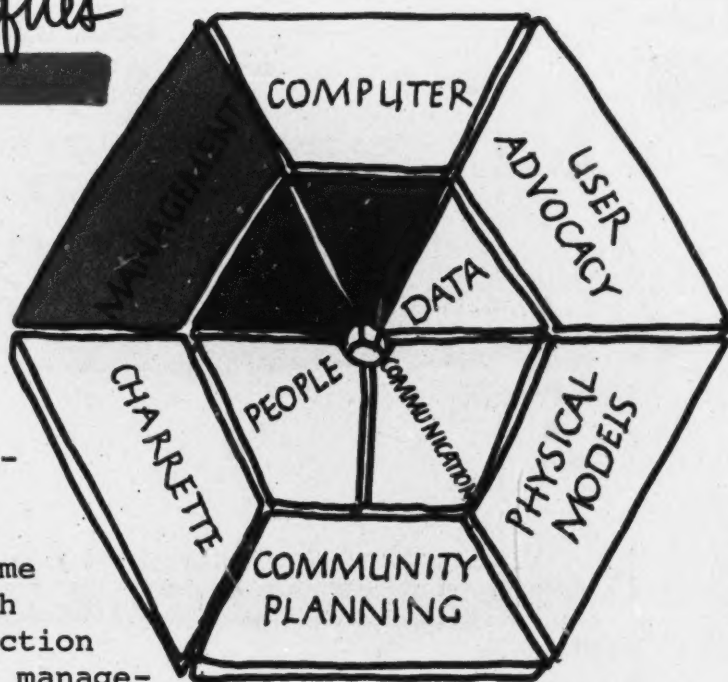


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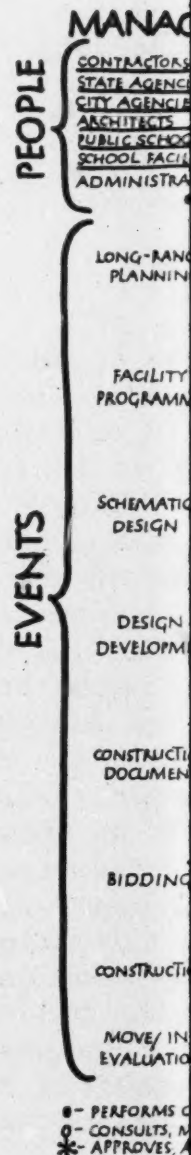
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New Management Techniques

Planning schools, once the complete responsibility of the school board, superintendent and architect, has now become a community affair. Unfortunately, with so many more people involved, it takes longer to reach agreements, and this lengthened time schedule causes a financial problem. Current construction costs have risen so fast that each hour's delay on a \$10-million building costs \$500. So it has become essential to develop procedures which cut down on the total design-construction time. There are two new techniques, management information system and fast-tracking.



Last year, the Baltimore City Public Schools established an Office of Physical Plant which has three major responsibilities --programming and long-range planning, design and construction coordination, and maintenance and operations. Because the city's \$80-million school construction program involves 90 city and state agencies, the Office of Physical Plant developed a program that defines each agency's responsibilities and details for all agencies the sequence of events from initial planning to construction. The program, called the Management Information System for Facilities Planning, is plotted on a "network" which includes planning and specification guidelines, cost and area analysis techniques, cost control procedures, facility evaluation procedures, as well as countless items of a reference nature. So that participants know their exact roles in the overall construction project, a final document is distributed to all involved parties. The city believes this will result in fewer delays and lead to a substantial cost savings. Write: Curtis Lantz, Assistant Superintendent, Office of Physical Plant, Baltimore City Public Schools, 2330 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Md. 21218.



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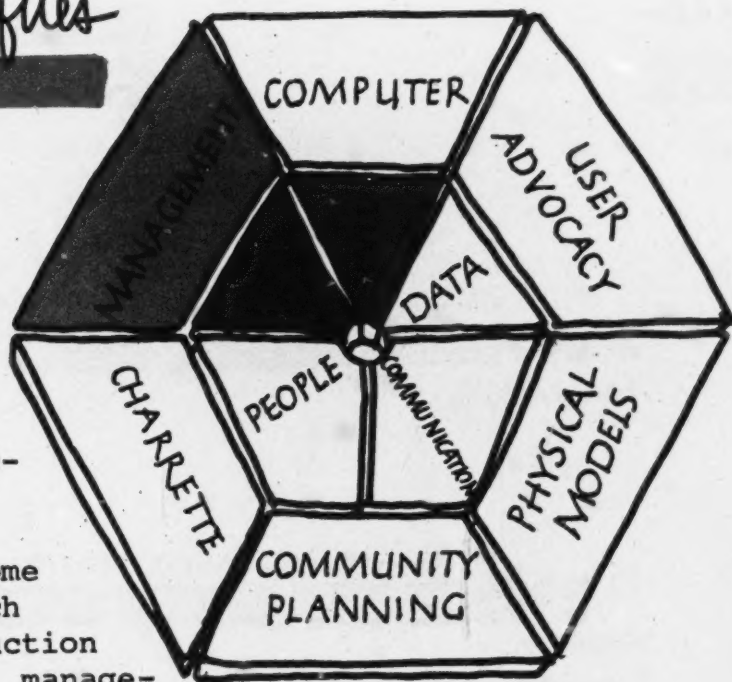
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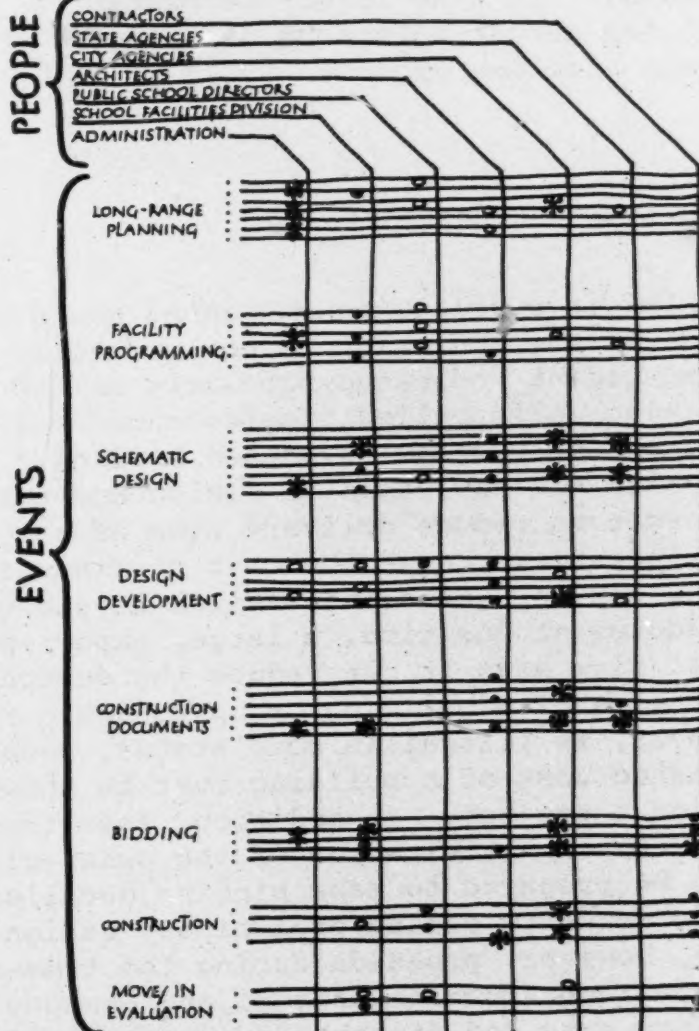
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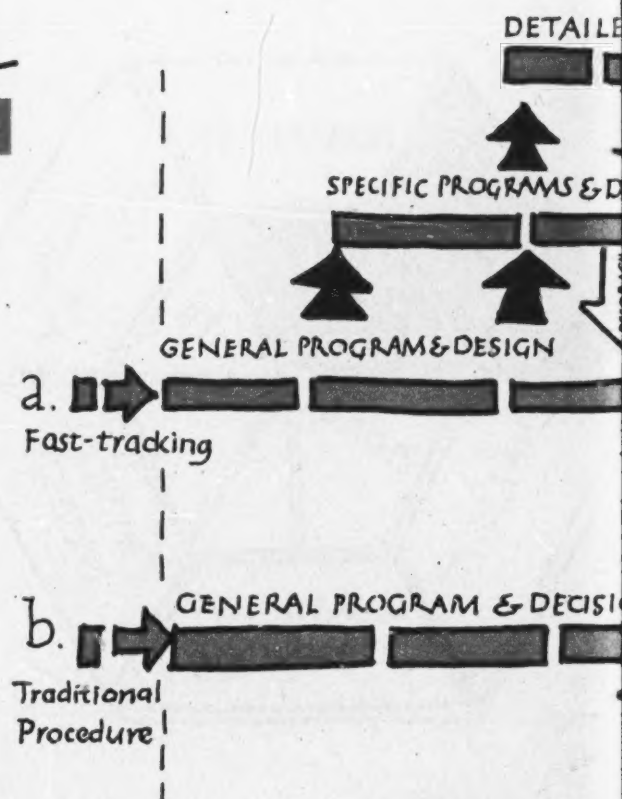
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New Management Techniques

Individual building programs can be shortened by overlapping several of the tasks that traditionally are done one after another. Most of this overlapping is done by letting a contractor start work before an architect completes the design drawings. The simplest example is for a contractor to commence excavating the foundations as soon as an architect determines the size and height of the building. It's no longer necessary to wait for carpet colors to be selected before breaking ground.

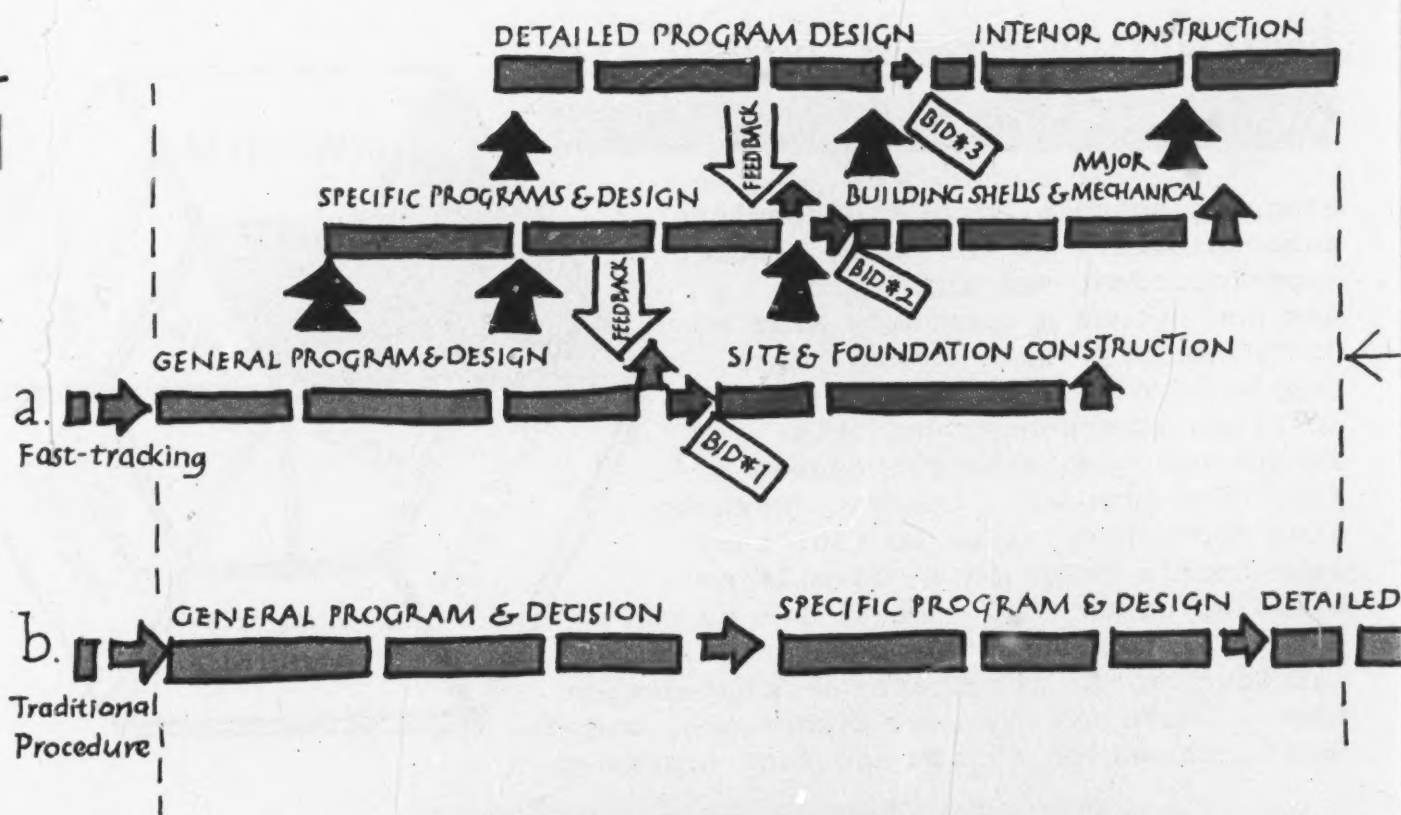


Working in overlapping sequences could cause chaos if the operation is not carefully controlled. A management technique popularly called fast-tracking (also called time/cost control, unified team action program or phased bidding)* is used to organize all the steps of design and construction in order to reduce delivery time of the building, and thereby decrease the cost of financing construction. By fast-tracking several levels of overlapping schedules at one time, a large, experienced architectural firm says it can reduce the design and construction time of a building by up to 50%. Fast-tracking, however, is illegal in some states, because the finished cost of a building must be known at the outset of a project. In addition, fast-tracking requires the active participation of the owner-client, who must be prepared to make binding decisions on overall space concepts during preliminary design. The development, however, proceeds during the time-consuming initial construction phases, and changes in interior arrangements and finishes are possible for a much longer period than in conventional construction.

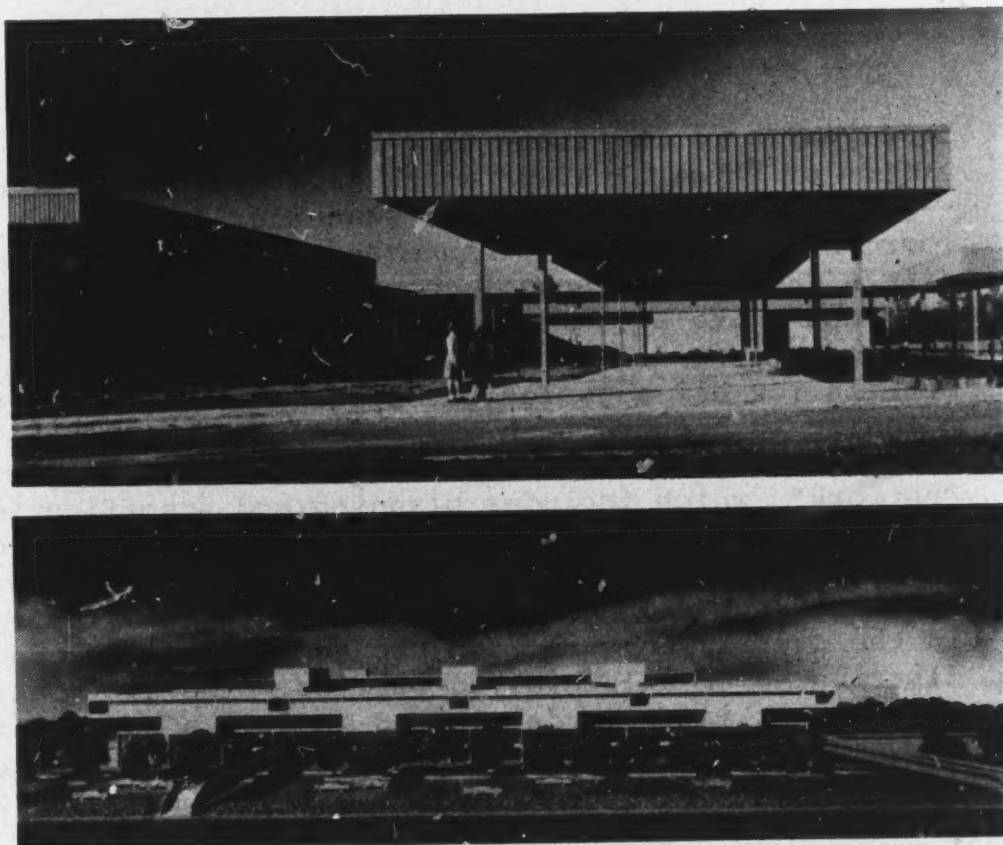
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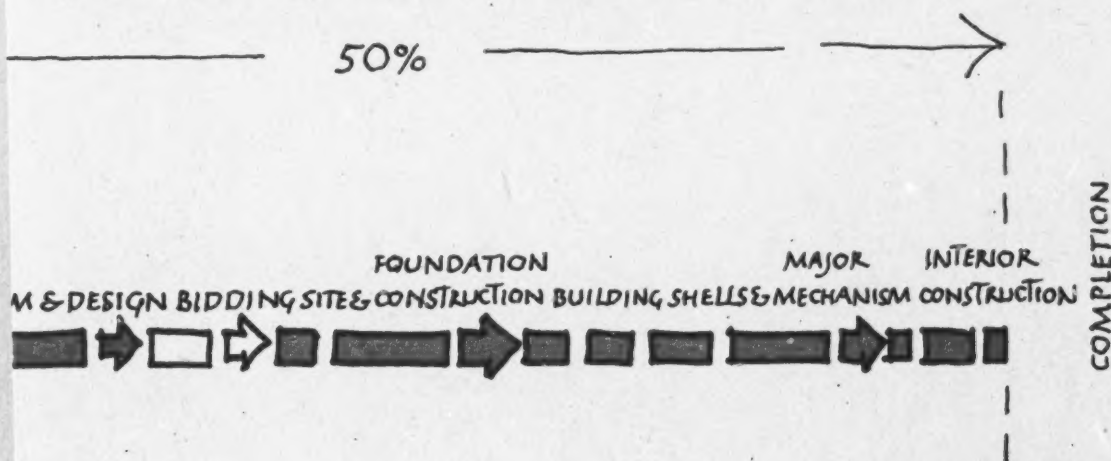


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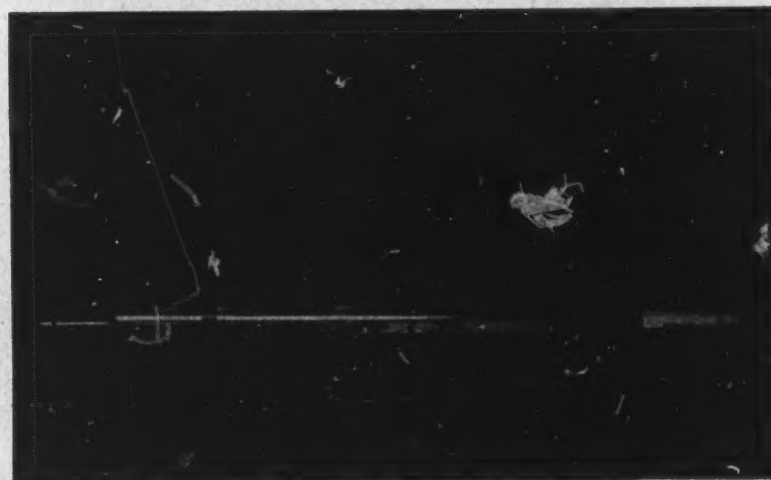
DESIGN & PROGRAMMING
ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION

Fast-tracking ("a") schedules procedures so that tasks can be performed simultaneously and in coordination with each other. The traditional building procedure ("b") schedules program and construction tasks in a linear sequence requiring one or two years to complete. Fast-tracking can save up to 50% of the total time.



FAST-TRACK, COMBINATION SYSTEMS & CONVENTIONAL

PIPER HIGH SCHOOL
Write: Benjamin C. Willis
Superintendent
School Board of Broward County
1320 Southwest 4th Street
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33312



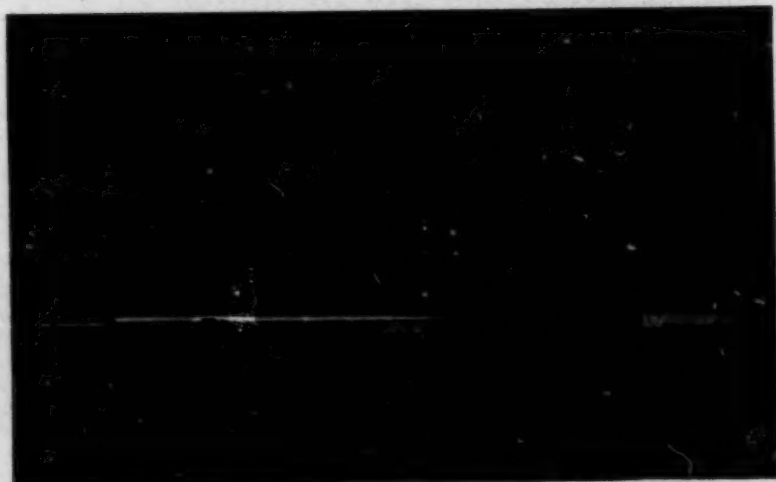
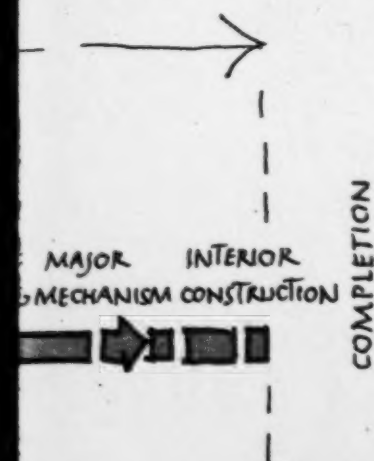
FAST-TRACK, CONVENTIONAL CONSTRUCTION

EASTWICK HIGH/
GEORGE PEPPER MIDDLE SCHOOL
Write: Glen Earthman, Executive Director
School Facilities
Philadelphia Public Schools
21st and the Parkway
Philadelphia, Pa. 19103

FAST-TRACK, SYSTEMS BUILDING

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In a time of expanding options and multiple decisions, the process of how a school gets to be is as important as what the school wants to become. These procedures are not guaranteed to satisfy the problems, but obviously the traditional methods have slowed the design and construction process to a point where a change in techniques must be made. At the same time, the rights of users to be heard during planning of public buildings is now firmly established and cannot be ignored. Therefore, combinations of these techniques as well as new procedures yet to come must accommodate the extra burden of interpreting, assimilating, and fulfilling the wishes of many new voices in school design.

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Acoustics

Controlling the sounds made by people and things is an important part of designing today's schools because of new kinds of spaces and new ways of using them. Many schools are being built without partitions, and in these open plan schools independent groups should be able to pursue their activities uninterrupted by noise from others even though no physical barriers separate them. Also, school space is often used for different purposes at different times of day. City schools have an additional need to be insulated from outside sounds of sirens, airplanes, traffic, and so on.

See: 3.OPEN PLAN, p. 32

See: 5.COMMUNITY/SCHOOLS, p. 64

See also Auditoriums

With the development of new kinds of school spaces, attitudes towards noise have changed slightly; in open plan schools, a fairly high level of background noise is acceptable, though high-frequency noises and unwanted but understandable conversation are not. Features of a building and its furnishings often help reduce sound -- carpet, acoustical ceilings, furniture, space definers and movable walls, and even people. The low, steady hum of airconditioning equipment helps mask more piercing sounds, and the airconditioned building is sealed against outside noise.

See: Acoustics and Educational Facilities, obtainable from the division of Educational Facilities Planning, State Education Department, Albany, N.Y. 12224

See also Airconditioning

Criteria (called performance specifications) for the design of school airconditioning systems have been developed in connection with systems-built school projects across the country. Although they were developed to meet the specific needs of the projects they are part of, they can be of value to others.

See also Performance Specifications
See also Systems Building for a list of projects that have generated performance specifications and places to write for detailed information about them

Air Conditioning

Airconditioning -- heating, ventilating, cooling, and humidity control -- is becoming standard equipment for school buildings. Already 8% of the nation's schools are airconditioned, and 30% of all new schools built each year are equipped with airconditioning. Reasons for airconditioning schools include:

- o Extended school year. Schools operate through the summer months.

See also Rescheduling

- o Community use. Schools make their facilities available to community groups after school hours. Adults accustomed to airconditioned movies, department stores, and offices will resist attending community functions held in schools that are not airconditioned.

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- o Open plan. Because open plan schools contain large areas of space located a long way from windows, the interiors of the buildings require mechanical ventilation. Airconditioning not only solves this problem, but also helps to improve the acoustical quality of large spaces.

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When airconditioning is installed in a compact, open plan school, its cost is often partly offset by building on less land, with shorter exterior walls, less glass, and no operable windows. Installing airconditioning in older schools is more economical when other changes are made at the same time; it is especially economical when it is part of a modernization project because it allows the designer to rearrange traffic patterns, move or eliminate partitions,

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For help in designing airconditioning systems,
see performance specifications developed in
conjunction with systems building projects.
These are listed with names and addresses
under Systems Building.

See: Airconditioning for Schools, available
from EFL, 477 Madison Avenue, New York,
N. Y. 10022

See: 2.MODERNIZATION, p. 16

See also Performance Specifications

Air Rights

Air rights is a legal term embodying the
idea that owning a plot of land means
owning the space above the land as far
up as it is possible to build. The owner
of land with buildings on it can sell or
lease the space above his buildings to
other builders. In densely populated
urban areas, the lease or sale of air
rights can be a financial boon. A school
district can build a school on land it
owns, then lease or sell the air rights
on top of the school to another developer
who will build a second structure above
the school. The school district can use
rental or sale income to defray the cost
of purchasing the land. Or schools them-
selves can be built in air rights over
publicly owned property, such as railroad
yards or highways.

Write: Samuel Kaplan, Director of
Development, New York City Education
Construction Fund, 250 Broadway,
New York, N. Y. 10007

See also Financing School Construction
See also Joint Occupancy
See also Sites for Schools

Notes

Air Structures

Gyms, field houses and student activity centers are among the more expensive kinds of educational facilities. In recent years a new kind of structure has been developed that will house these facilities, and although it can span long distances, it is light and economical. These air structures, or bubbles, are made of durable membranes held up by air pressure supplied by a pump. Cables anchored to the ground prevent the larger air structures from floating away. Characteristics of air structures include:

- o Cost. Air-supported structures can be considerably less expensive to build than conventional buildings.

- o Relocatability. Bubbles can be taken down, folded up and stored or removed to a new location -- just like large tents.

- o Durability. Materials now available for fabricating air structures can withstand the effects of constant exposure to sunlight and are not easily punctured. These new materials may make it possible for manufacturers to offer bonds on their products' durability, as do manufacturers of conventional roofing systems.

- o Construction time. Once the manufactured components have been delivered, it takes only a day or two to inflate a bubble.

- o Size. Air structures can be large enough to enclose a fieldhouse or an entire college campus.

- o Interior quality. The space enclosed by a bubble can be as bright as outdoors, since the membranes may be opaque, clear or translucent. The advantage is in not being exposed to rain or extreme temperatures.

Air structures have been, or will soon be, used for:

- o Covering tennis courts, an all-purpose athletic building and a swimming pool. Air structures do not deteriorate with long exposure to moisture, and water from the pool that condenses on the structure's interior surface either evaporates or flows down walls instead of dripping directly down onto spectators.

Write: William H. Truitt, Headmaster,
The Forman School, Norfolk Road,
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- o Building a greenhouse and adding an athletic facility to a high school.

Write: Robert Finley, Superintendent
of Schools, Glen Cove Public Schools,
Glen Cove, N. Y. 11542

- o An open plan early childhood education center.

Write: Edward C. Pino, Superintendent,
Cherry Creek Schools, 4700 South
Yosemite Street, Englewood, Colo. 80110

- o Encapsulating an entire campus center. A California college plans to encapsulate its main academic facilities with a 3-acre air-supported structure.

Write: Leland Newcomer, President,
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o Building a new college campus. The new branch of Antioch College located in Columbia, Md., will be housed in a series of air-inflated structures designed to be built and maintained by students and faculty.

Write: Blair Hamilton, Department of
Environmental Design, Antioch College,
Columbia, Md. 21043

o Enclosing a rooftop sports area. The Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn, a city school hemmed in by other buildings, can accommodate year-round athletic activities on the roof. Basketball and other athletic facilities on the roof are covered by an air-supported structure.

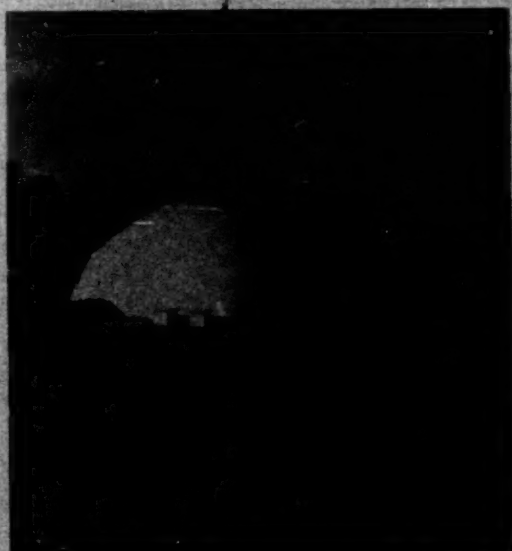
Write: Paul R. DeCicco, Director of
Physical Planning, Brooklyn
Polytechnical Institute, 333 Jay Street,
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201

For additional information on air-supported structures:

See: Air Structures for School Sports,
available from EPL, 477 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y. 10022

See: An Investigation of Costs of
Inexpensive Enclosures for Recreational
Areas, available from EPL, 477 Madison
Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022

See: The Inflatocookbook, available from
Rip-Off Press, 247 Gates Road,
Sausalito, Calif. 91965



Artificial Playing Surfaces

Artificial playing surfaces are the basis for a whole new set of ideas about play, physical education and recreation. They're used to increase the amount of usable space within the school building or on school grounds (on rooftops and parking lots) and to allow available space to serve multiple needs (in cafeterias and gyms). There are three major types of artificial playing surfaces:

o Artificial ice. Made of vinyl plastic, artificial ice is applied to floors with an epoxy adhesive, just like conventional vinyl flooring. It is slick only when a special conditioner is applied; when the conditioner is removed, the "ice" is suitable for recreational activities, such as basketball, or for ordinary use in well-trafficked areas.

Write: Robert Finley, Superintendent of Schools, Glen Cove Public Schools, Glen Cove, N. Y. 11542



Plastic ice is installed in 3-ft by 3-ft sections a quarter of an inch thick. Game lines are applied separately. Write: Charles H. Stotes, Executive Director, West Suburban YMCA, 31 East Ogden Avenue, La Grange, Ill. 60525.

o Artificial turf. Suitable for installation indoors or out, artificial turf consists of individual synthetic blades protruding from a resilient base. It's usually installed over a paved surface and used for all kinds of grass sports.

Write: A. D. Walker, Principal, Woodstock Academy, Academy Road, Woodstock, Conn. 06231

o Other artificial surfaces. These may be hard or soft. Some are portable; others must be made to adhere to a permanent base. Most of these products will take cleated shoes without damage and can be used indoors or out. Costs vary directly with the thickness of the material.

Write: Luther C. Schwich, University of West Florida, Pensacola, Fla. 32504

See also Physical Education

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Audio-Visual Equipment

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Places for assembly have always been a part of the school plant -- for school assemblies, films, plays and for limited community use. Since World War II, these places have often been designed for combined use -- as cafeterias and auditoriums, gymnasiums and auditoriums, or cafeterias and "gymatoriums." More recently, assembly places have been used for large group instruction. Sometimes information can be most efficiently and effectively communicated to large groups of students by a well-prepared lecturer aided by audio-visual materials. This kind of use has given assembly places a formal educational function that, together with more intensive community use, has generated several new planning concepts for contemporary school facilities.

o Large Group Lecture-Demonstration Rooms. Large group instruction can take place in the ordinary teaching space of an open plan school, or it may (especially when the presentation involves sophisticated audio-visual equipment) take place in facilities designed specifically to ensure that each student can see and hear clearly.

Write: Robert Dunn, Principal,
Hall High School, 60 South Main
Street, West Hartford, Conn. 06103

See: Planning for Educational Technology and New Spaces for Learning: Multi-Media Facilities Revisited, Center for Architectural Research, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, N. Y. 13281
See: Educational Facilities with New Media, DAVI-NEA, 1201 -- 16th Street, Northwest, Washington, D. C. 20036

See: Design for ETV, available from EFL,
477 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022

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o Divisible Auditoriums. Through skillful planning and the introduction of soundproof, operable partitions, a large auditorium can be divided into several small spaces for simultaneous instruction, thus increasing the use of the total space.

Write: William McCormick, Principal,
Boulder High School, 1101 Fifth
Avenue, Boulder City, Nev. 89005

Write: Scott G. Richardson, Principal,
Ridgewood High School, Ridgewood High
School District #234, 7500 West
Montrose Street, Norridge, Ill. 60634

o Rotating Seating. A variation on divisible auditoriums is provided by sections of seating on turntables which can be rotated to create several smaller instructional spaces.

Write: Richard D. Hupper, Principal,
Lake Villa Intermediate School,
P.O. Box 205, McKinley Avenue,
Lake Villa, Ill. 60046

Write: D.R. Goodson, Principal, South
Mountain High School, 5401 South 7th
Street, Phoenix, Ariz. 85012

o Combined Theater, Auditorium and Lecture Hall. Creative designs can permit combining these functions, although there is always the hazard that the result will serve none of the intended functions well. One such facility that seems potentially successful is the auditorium/theater/large group instructional center for the Mount Olive High School, Chester, N. J.

Write: Robert W. Young, Superintendent
of Schools, Bertley-Naughton Road,
Chester, N. J. 07930

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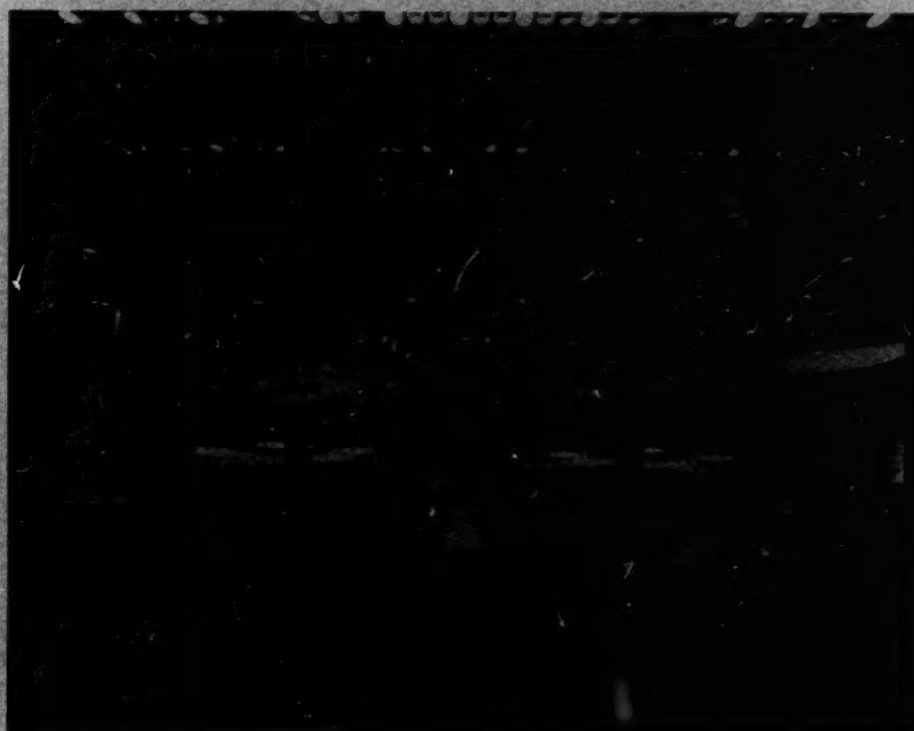
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o Rehabilitation
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instructional
See: The High

Six Design
available

Avenue, New
See: 2. MODERN

Turntable divisible auditorium at Agua Fria Union High School has two sections of rotating seats. Back walls of these sections rotate with seats to become sound-proof dividers.
Write: Harold W. Poiter, Principal,
Agua Fria Union High School, Box 818,
Avondale, Ariz. 85323.



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Write: Dana P. Whitmer, Superintendent of Schools, 350 Wide Track Drive, Pontiac, Mich. 48058

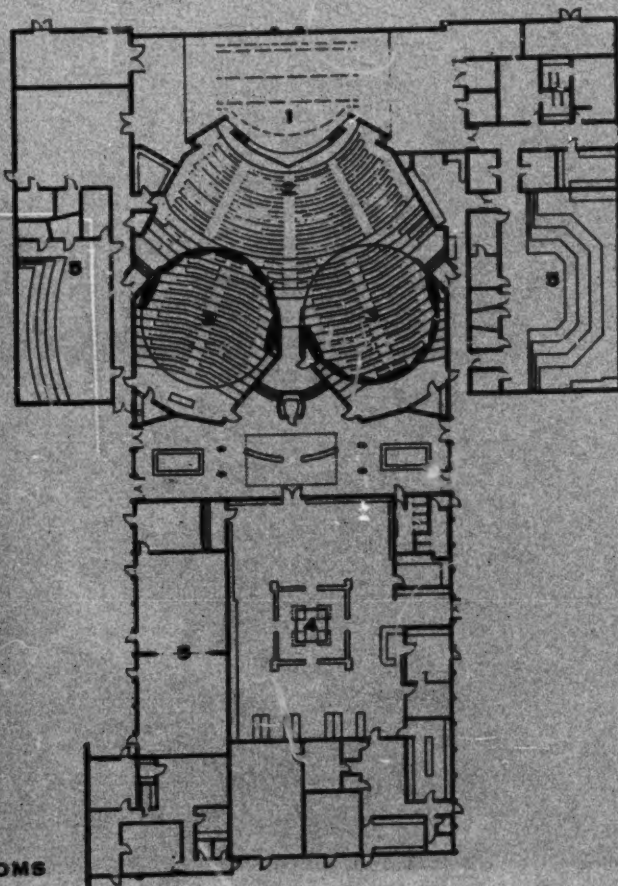
Write: Charles K. Price, Principal, Manor High School, 1401 Elmhurst Lane, Portsmouth, Va. 23701

See: 5.COMMUNITY/SCHOOLS, p. 64

o Rehabilitation of Existing Auditoriums. Existing auditoriums can often be modernized to make them more effective for instruction and other purposes.

See: The High School Auditorium: Six Designs for Renewal, available from EFL, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022

See: 2.MODERNIZATION, p. 20



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Carpet

With the development of open plan schools and buildings designed for maximum flexibility, carpet has become an important educational facility -- as important as lighting or furniture. In fact, carpet itself often becomes an extension of the furniture when children are not required to sit upright in chairs and desks. Some of the factors that make carpet an excellent floor covering for most school situations are:

- o Acoustics. In large instructional spaces where a number of activities take place at once, covering the floor with carpet prevents sound from reverberating throughout the room.
See also Acoustics

- o Ease of maintenance. It takes less time and manpower to vacuum carpet thoroughly than it does to wet-mop tiled areas. Maintenance costs can therefore be lower for carpet than for other floor coverings.

Write: Brodie Hutchinson, Principal,
Andrews High School, 405 Northwest
Third Street, Andrews, Tex. 79714

- o Warmth. Carpet not only looks warmer than wood or tile -- it feels warmer. It warms more quickly and is more comfortable at lower temperatures, so children can sit on the floor without catching cold, and heating costs may be slightly reduced.

Write: Henry Wright, The City College
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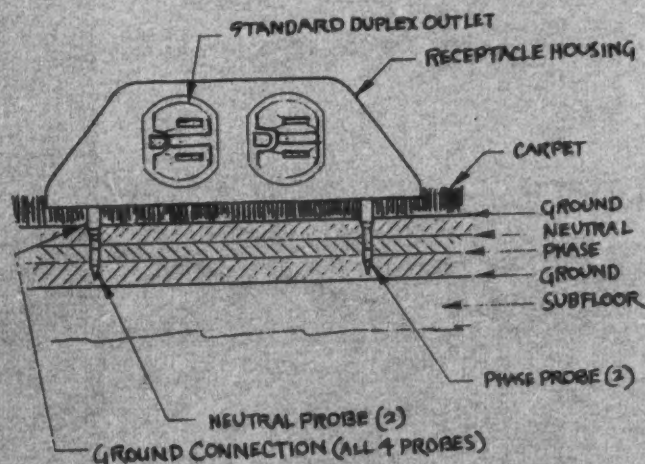
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o Extension of instructional space. In libraries and learning spaces, children can spread materials on the floor or simply curl up with a book. The whole floor can be used as desk, seating, or table space. Carpeted mounds or depressions in the floor create new kinds of seating for a variety of purposes -- depressions are good places for story-telling or group discussions, and mounds can be used as stages, display areas, or places to sit.

Day care center, Office of Education.
Write: Martin Engel, United States
Office of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue,
S.W., Washington, D.C. 20202.

o Character. Carpeting makes a school. Instead of the cold, stark appearance of other floor coverings, carpet adds warmth and comfort.

RECEPTACLE/UNDERLAYMENT CROSS SECTION



Note: An invention that will be a real boon to users of open plan schools is expected to be on the market within two years. It's electric carpet -- actually, a panel that underlies ordinary carpet and carries both current and electronic signals. The system does away with electrical outlets and phone jacks by allowing you to plug appliances into the floor wherever it's convenient.

Carrels

Independent study and individualized learning have made study carrels common in schools at all levels of education. They are no longer restricted to libraries or resource centers. Fifth and sixth grade children in one middle school use carrels instead of desks in all teaching areas.

Write: Maxine Koelling, Principal,
East Orange Intermediate School,
East Orange, N. J. 07017

Carrels provide about 6 sq ft of work surface and a degree of visual privacy. Often, they include storage space, light, and book shelves. They can be "wet" or "dry"; that is, with or without wiring and electrical connections for use with instructional machines or audio-visual equipment. "Wet" carrels are often designed with acoustical paneling to reduce sound transmission.

Basic Design Considerations

o **Components.** Carrels can be built with standard, interchangeable parts that make replacement and repair easy.

o **Modularity.** If component parts are designed on a modular basis, carrels can be clustered to make use of fewer components -- e.g., two carrels side by side need only three side pieces, not four.



o **Safety.** Outlets and sharp edges should be protected--plastic caps will serve the purpose.

o **Convertibility.** If a school isn't sure it needs "wet" carrels or can't afford them initially, it should buy dry carrels designed to be converted later on for use with electrical or electronic equipment.

o **Flexibility.** With "wet" carrels, it's important to consider how the carrels will be connected to the building's power source. Simple plug-in connections are preferable so that carrels can be moved without the services of electricians. Whether, and how far, "wet" carrels can be moved will depend upon the power distribution system of the building.

Write: G. B. McClelland, Superintendent,
Rich-Mar Union School District,
274 San Marcos Avenue, San Marcos,
Calif. 92069

See: Educational Product Report,
Volume II, Number 2, November,
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published by the Educational
Products Information Exchange
Institute, 386 Park Avenue
South, New York, N. Y. 10016

See: Library Technology Report,
March, 1971, on "dry" carrels,
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Charettes

The term "charette" is borrowed from the architectural profession, where it indicates an intensive effort to finish a project before a deadline. In school planning, it denotes a session of intensive group planning, with community representatives, school officials, teachers, students and designers each contributing suggestions and all working to resolve conflicting desires. This process has been used in dozens of communities across the country. See: 7. PLANNING/PROCEDURES, p. 94

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Computers

Computers can perform a variety of tasks for schools, ranging from bookkeeping through teaching. They do more than simply store information -- they can organize, compare, extrapolate and predict. A large district or a cooperative regional organization (such as New York State's Boards of Cooperative Educational Services) frequently has enough jobs that can be best performed by computer to enable it to own and run one economically. But it's important to be sure that the jobs to be done are all compatible with the specific computer model to be purchased. Small districts or individual schools usually find it more economical to rent terminals and time on a machine or to have specific jobs done by computer firms. A report on how computers can be used most efficiently within a school system has been prepared for the Barrington, R. I. Public Schools.

Write: Ian D. Malcolm, Superintendent of Schools, Barrington, R. I. 02806

Scheduling

Since the early 1960's, high schools have been using computer programs such as GASP to do the tedious job of arranging class schedules. Recently, however, the New England School Development Council (NESDEC) has produced a supplementary system that increases the flexibility of the school's master schedule. Since the most complex scheduling jobs take only a few hours on the computer (in addition to time for tabulating information, such as number of students enrolled, and so on), most schools rent computer time for scheduling from nearby commercial organizations or universities.

See: School Scheduling by Computer/The Story of GASP, available from EPL, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022

Write: Richard W. Willard, NESDEC, 55 Chapel Street, Newton, Mass. 02160

Furnishings and Equipment

In large school systems, the job of specifying and ordering furniture for new schools can be almost as great as that of designing the buildings themselves. To cope with the problem, New York City uses a set of standards that are coded and stored in a computer. Every type of space at every grade level is assigned a facilities number and an activity number. When these numbers are fed to a computer, it produces a list of recommended furniture for each type of space. The list includes class number, item number, unit price, and recommended quantity for each piece of furniture. Working from a set of suggested standards for room layouts, the computer can also print out all possible combinations and arrangements of furnishings for different types of spaces. And the school system's Bureau of Supplies (the purchasing agency) uses the same number code in its catalogues.

Write: Marian Pasnik, School Facilities Standards Coordinator, Board of Education, 110 Livingston Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201

Maintenance

At least one school system keeps a computerized record of all emergency repairs in each of its schools throughout the year. Over a period of time, the computer can tell when emergencies are most likely to occur (some have turned out to be seasonal), what kind of equipment is most frequently involved, and so on. With this kind of information, the school system has reduced the number of emergency repairs, because it is able to replace inferior equipment, revise maintenance procedures, and anticipate seasonal problems.

Write: F. E. Oswalt, Assistant Superintendent, Department of Plant Management, Board of Education, 2597 Avery Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. 38112

For information about computers in school planning,

See: 7. PLANNING/PROCEDURES, p. 100

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See also Instructional Technology

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Day Care Centers

Day care in the narrowest sense means just baby sitting; but today, most day care centers do more than that. Increasingly, they provide opportunities for learning in the same way as schools for early childhood education. The main difference between day care centers and schools for early learning is that day care centers operate all year round; early learning schools are open only during the school year.

See also Early Childhood Education

Dial Access Systems

Dial access systems are sophisticated means of bringing audio-visual material directly to the individual student. Students sitting in specially designed carrels equipped with microphones, headsets and often video display screens use an ordinary telephone dial to request a-v programs from a central library. Scheduling and sorting of stored programs is often done by a computer. Dial access systems have frequently been used for instruction in foreign languages.

See also Instructional Technology

Dispersed Facilities/Sites

To run a full educational program taking advantage of resources in the community and to overcome the difficulty of finding an appropriately large site for a new school, some districts have scattered portions of a whole school over a number of small sites — e.g., grades 5 and 6 at one site, grades 3 and 4 at another. See: 5. REACHOUT SCHOOLS, p. 78

See also Mini-schools

Early Childhood Education

In recent years, psychologists, educators, and parents have recognized the inherent capacity and eagerness of very young children to learn. The result of this recognition has been the growth in numbers of schools for early learning. Even day care centers, formerly just places where children were looked after, increasingly provide educational opportunities.

For those who want to start a new day care or early learning center, it may be wise to look into franchised or other commercial early learning enterprises. A number of corporations, both small regional ones and some that are divisions of national companies, operate early childhood education centers for profit. Many are of very high quality, but all charge slightly higher tuition fees than subsidized operations.

Write: Child Welfare League of America, 44 East 23rd Street, New York, N. Y. 10010

Write: National Association for the Education of Young Children, 1834 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20009

Whether starting your own early education center or setting up a franchise, you can look for unused or underused space in existing buildings. A stimulating environment isn't necessarily a brand new one. It is less expensive to remodel an existing space than to build a new structure, and some kinds of space are available almost for the asking. Successful early learning centers are now operating in apartments and synagogues, housing projects, old houses, office buildings, storefronts, warehouses, public schools.

See: Found Spaces and Equipment for Children's Centers, available from EFL, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022

See: 1.FOUND SPACE, p. 6

See: 5.COMMUNITY/SCHOOLS, p. 64

See also Joint Occupancy

If no suitable space can be found, you can build your own facility.

See: Patterns for Designing Children's Centers, available from EFL, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022

See: Designing the Child Development Center, by Ronald W. Haase, available from the U. S. Office of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, Southwest, Washington, D. C. 20202

See: Day Care Centers, by Karen E. Hapgood, The American Society of Planning Officials, Chicago, Ill., June, 1970

Not only does found space work well for early learning, but so do found objects. Often, young children find discarded materials and comfortable but outmoded furniture more fascinating than many slick, new products on the market. Since the trend in early learning environments is toward a more home-like atmosphere and away from the atmosphere of the institution, old overstuffed sofas to climb on, big old rockers and the like fit in well. Other found objects that can be turned to a good purpose include packing crates, utility poles, cable spools, carpet rolls, construction forms (used ordinarily to mold fresh-poured concrete).

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Outdoor play is important to young children, too. In cities where land is scarce, look for: rooftop space, vacant lots, backyards tucked away behind older buildings. And, to equip the playground, there are old tires (these can be used for swings or simply heaped in a mound), utility poles (which can support swings or become part of a larger makeshift structure), rope for ladders, fruit crates, old tubs for sandboxes and rock gardens. See also Playgrounds

See: An Annotated Bibliography on Early Childhood, available from EFL, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022

See: Some European Nursery Schools and Playgrounds, available from EFL, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022

See: Memorandum on: Facilities for Early Childhood Education... and Instructions for Those Interested in Day Care, available from EFL, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022

See: Schools for Early Childhood, available from EFL, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022

See: Day Care Nightmare: A Child-Centered View of Child Care, by Patricia Gerald Bourne and others, Institute of Urban and Regional Development, University of California, Berkeley, Calif., 1971.

See "Room to Learn," a film available for loan from Association Films, 866 Third Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022, or for purchase from The Early Learning Center, Inc., 12 Gary Road, Stamford, Conn. 06903

The Acorn Montessori School found space in a large apartment building. Inside, some of the furnishings are found objects, like the light fixture that extends from the wall. It was originally part of a truck. Write: Doris Schwartz, Director, The Acorn Montessori School, 330 East 26th Street, New York, N. Y. 10010.

Education Parks

An education park is a complex of schools (elementary, secondary, college and sometimes others) on a common site sharing common facilities, such as athletic fields and buildings, libraries, dining and kitchen areas, auditoriums and halls, art studios, mechanical and electrical services, and so on. Reasons for establishing an education park include:

- o Integration. Drawing students of all ages from all neighborhoods, the education park could bring together children from a wide range of backgrounds and cultures.

- o Quality of staff and services. Large size and concentration of staff and facilities make possible the provision of specialized services, specialized personnel and expensive equipment that no one school could acquire on its own.

- o Flexibility of programming. With children of all ages learning in one place, organization of grades can be flexible.

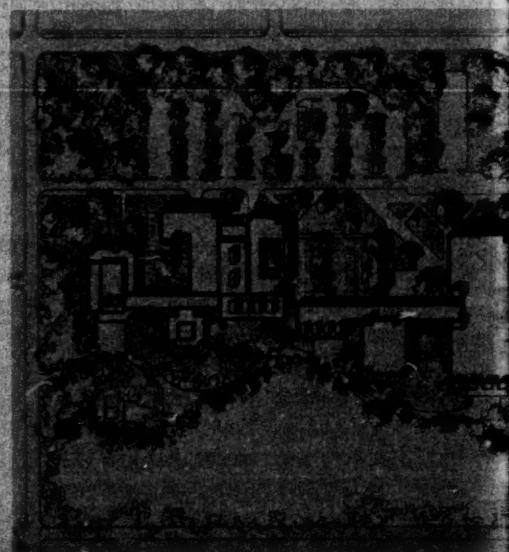
On the other hand, education parks have disadvantages.

- o Transportation. If public transportation is poor or if teachers and students have to travel very great distances, concentration of educational facilities might be harmful.

- o Alienation. Taking children out of their own neighborhoods might produce a feeling of separation from their home lives, and parents might feel less connection with a large, remote school than to a smaller neighborhood facility.

- o Bureaucracy. Such a large complex of school programs and school buildings would need a large administrative organization, and the larger the organization, the less likely it is to be flexible.

See: The Education Park, by Max Wolff and Benjamin Rudikoff, The Center for Urban Education, New York, 1970
See: Educational Park Development in the United States - 1969: A Survey of Current Plans with a List of Reports and References, by Max Wolff and Benjamin Rudikoff, The Center for Urban Education, New York, 1970
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Write: Gerald Tirozzi, Community Service Building, 1 State Street, New Haven, Conn. 06511 (The Conte School)
 Write: Jack Landman, Principal, North Bronx Educational Park, Baychester Avenue, Bronx, N. Y. 10475
 Write: George L. Layton, Superintendent of Schools, 1429 Woodstock Avenue, Anniston, Ala. 36201 (Anniston Education Park)

Education Park at Anniston, Ala., includes one academic high school, one vocational high school, a middle school, an elementary school, an early childhood education center and athletic facilities.



Encapsulated Space

Some school needs can best be met by enclosing large amounts of space inexpensively. Two main categories of structures are suitable for this purpose. For reviews of each, see Air Structures and Inexpensive Space Enclosures.

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Environmental Education

Environmental education means learning about your surroundings, whatever they may be. Whether your school is surrounded by fields and trees or by buildings and traffic, there's an opportunity to learn how people affect and are affected by the world they live in. Start inside your own building. Children can examine pipework, ducts, boilers and burners to see how air, water, wastes and fuel enter and leave the building. Why does the furnace produce smoke? What happens to the waste that leaves the building? Investigate the school grounds, too. Find out what kind of plant life grows around asphalt, what grows in hard-packed dirt? What is the dirt made of? What kinds of insects live between cracked concrete slabs? And what about the street -- are there lots of cars, fumes, noise? Most important, how do all these environmental factors affect the quality of life in the community?

A bit farther afield, there are many sources of additional information about the local environment: power plant, planetarium, factory, weather station, zoo, busy street corner, aqueduct, river or stream, natural history museum.

The Group for Environmental Education is now developing a program to help teachers and students see the school building as an environmental system. Write: Richard Warman, Group for Environmental Education, 1214 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. 19107

Just beyond the city limits are day camps that provide opportunities for learning about the natural environment. Some are even equipped with environmental laboratories, including microscopes and noise and air pollution measuring devices. Such facilities can be shared and jointly supported by a number of school districts or by schools and organizations such as the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or Parks and Recreation Departments.

Write: Ken Horn, Administrator, Balarat Camp for Environmental Studies, Denver Public Schools, 1521 Irving Street, Denver, Colo. 80204

A number of school systems operate, sometimes jointly, in two-, three-, four- or five-day resident camp programs for environmental studies.

Write: Harry Thompson, Board of Cooperative Education Services, 625 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, N. Y. 11753

Some school systems use specially equipped vans, buses or boats for day- or week-long excursions. Vehicles contain equipment for measuring air, water and noise pollution and aids for recognizing various kinds of plant and animal life.

Write: Roy Swenson, Coordinator, Outdoor Education, Milwaukee Public Schools, 5225 West Vliet Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53201

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Financing School Construction

Each of the following methods of financing site acquisition, new building or a modernization project has been successfully used in the United States. Some of them are highly innovative, and some can succeed only under special circumstances. Your own legal counsel, state school authorities, or the state attorney general can help you determine the legality of a given method and its applicability to your needs.

o Aid from the federal government. At present, School Aid to Federally Impacted Areas is the only form of federal assistance available to public schools for construction. This program aids communities whose school enrollments have been increased by the establishment of federal government installations.

Write: Donald J. D'Amico, Superintendent,
School District 86, 420 North Raynor
Street, Joliet, Ill. 60436

o Urban renewal credits. If a school site can be found on land within a city's declared urban renewal area, you may acquire the site with no outlay of funds.

Write: Joseph S. Foust, Superintendent,
Greater Clark County School Corp.,
2710 Highway 62, Jeffersonville,
Ind. 47130

o Air rights over public property. Site acquisition costs may be avoided if schools are built over existing public facilities such as highways or transit lines.

Write: Samuel Kaplan, Director of
Development, Educational Construction
Fund, 250 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
10007

o Shared facilities. You may be able to cooperate with other public agencies, such as public libraries, park departments, or health agencies, to build facilities for common use.

Write: Ralph A. Long, Director,
John F. Kennedy School and
Community Center, 225 Chestnut
Street, N. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30314

o Raising money on school-owned property. A school district may sell its land outright or lease it to a developer. Leasing air rights to commercial developers is economically advantageous to both parties in densely populated urban areas where high-rise construction is economical.

Write: Robert J. Vey, Director,
Boston Public Facilities
Department, City Hall,
Boston, Mass. 02201



To raise money for a new school building, Friends Select School leased one-third of its property, an office tower, to a business enterprise.

Write: G. Laurence Blauvelt,
Headmaster, Friends Select School,
Seventh and Parkway, Philadelphia,
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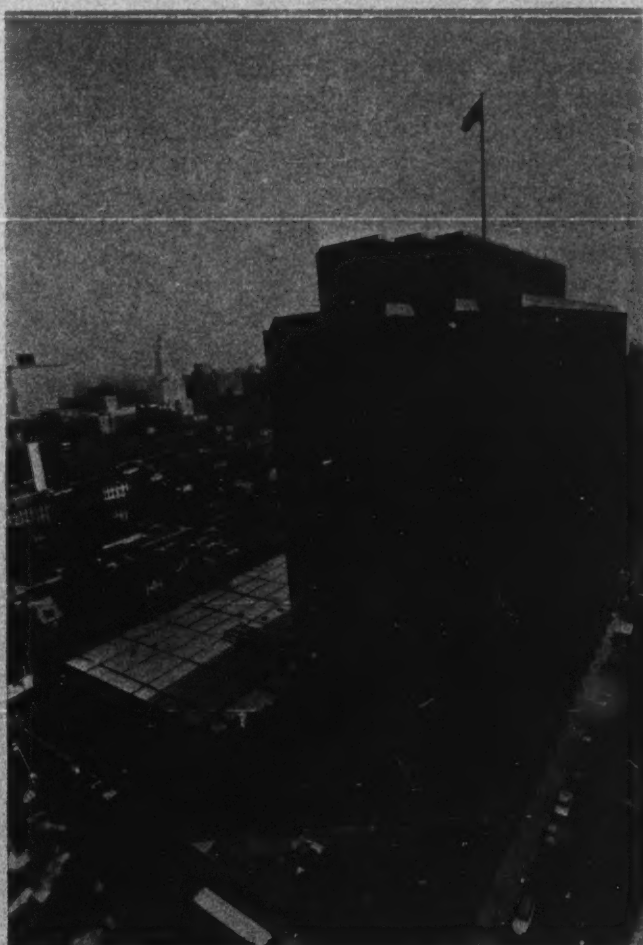
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o Building space to rent. You may be
able to build rentable space in conjunc-
tion with a new school.

Write: Dana P. Whitmer, Superintendent
of Schools, 350 Wide Track Drive,
Pontiac, Mich. 48058

o Selling bonds directly to local
citizens. Some districts have success-
fully sold limited bond issues directly
to community members.

Write: S. J. Davis, Superintendent
of Schools, 10700 Page Avenue,
Fairfax, Va. 22030

o Leasing facilities from private en-
terprise. If a need for space is tem-
porary or if population within a school
district is shifting rapidly, it may be
economical to lease facilities. A
lease-purchase plan can also substitute
for long-term financing. Leases may be
arranged with municipal or state build-
ing commissions, nonprofit organizations
set up for this purpose, or from various
kinds of commercial firms. Rent can be
paid from operating funds so the school
district incurs no capital debts.

Write: John Hunt, Superintendent,
East Windsor Regional School
District, Administration Building,
Stockton Street, Hightstown, N. J.
08520

See: Guide to Alternatives for
Financing School Buildings,
available from EFL, 477 Madison
Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10022

See: The Economics and Financing
of Education, second edition,
Prentice Hall, Englewood Cliffs,
N. J. 1969

See: Financing Public Schools in the
United States, Harper, New York,
1957

See: The Theory and Practice of Public
School Finance, Rand McNally,
Chicago, 1967

Write: W. Montfort Barr, Office of the
Coordinating Secretary, Indiana
University, Box E, Bloomington, Ind.
47401

Notes

Food Service

Schools are serving more meals to more people at more times during the day. Broad federal subsidy programs are expanding food services and reshaping facilities. Federal programs are available to public and many private educational organizations and may apply to other service groups. For a current list of federal programs and suggestions about applying for them, see *School Food Service*, a publication available from: Croft Educational Services, Inc., 100 Garfield Avenue, New London, Conn. 06320

Trends

o Breakfast programs. A growing number of schools offer breakfast (usually fruit or juice, cereal or bread and milk, with a protein food whenever possible). It's served in classrooms or lunchrooms before or after the school day begins.

Write: Marian Cronan, Director of Food Service, Brookline Public Schools, Brookline, Mass. 02139

o Universal free lunch. Legislation now pending in Congress may guarantee a free lunch to every school child, regardless of ability to pay. Already, many states (Massachusetts is one) require that lunch be available to all children, with free or reduced price meals for pupils who can't afford the regular price.

Write: National Food Service Association, P. O. Box 1932, Columbus, Ohio 43216

o Meals for the elderly. Several school districts serve lunch at reduced prices to elderly members of the community. One district also prepares lunches for shut-ins.

Write: Geraldine Harsh, Supervisor, Food Service, Eau Claire Area Board of Education, 122 Napa Street, Eau Claire, Wis. 54701



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Wash. 98310

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o Convenience foods. Canned, frozen, and freeze-dried foods that require minimal preparation cut down both labor and facility costs.

Write: School Lunch Program, Board of
Education, 110 Livingston Street,
Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201

o Pre-packaging. Food prepared in central kitchens or purchased in heat-and-serve form from food processors can be packaged in compartmented aluminum foil or styrofoam containers. Throw-away utensils eliminate washing facilities.

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o Contract service. Private contractors can provide complete meal service. Some food management companies offer a broad range of services that may include equipment owned by the company or leased or purchased by the school.

Write: Robert Ohlzen, Food Service
Director, State Department of
Education, Evanston, Ill. 62204

o Snack bars. New open plan schools and some schools on modular scheduling have installed continuous food service facilities that resemble commercial snack bars. Convenience foods and sandwiches are common items, but are selected for nutritional value.

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o Vending machines. Vending machines installed and serviced by outside contractors can relieve schools of the entire food service burden. Machines now dispense sandwiches, soups, fruit, beverages, and candy, and some have been designed to offer the standard lunch approved for federal subsidy. Write: D. L. Ihrman, Superintendent, Public Schools, Holland, Mich. 49423

Student choice is another trend in school food service. Even in a district that serves only one standard meal each day, students can be given a choice. At annual tasting sessions, student panels join district dietitians in planning menus for the coming year. Write: Thomas J. Farley, Director, Food Service, Public Schools, 5225 West Vliet Street, Milwaukee, Wis. 53201

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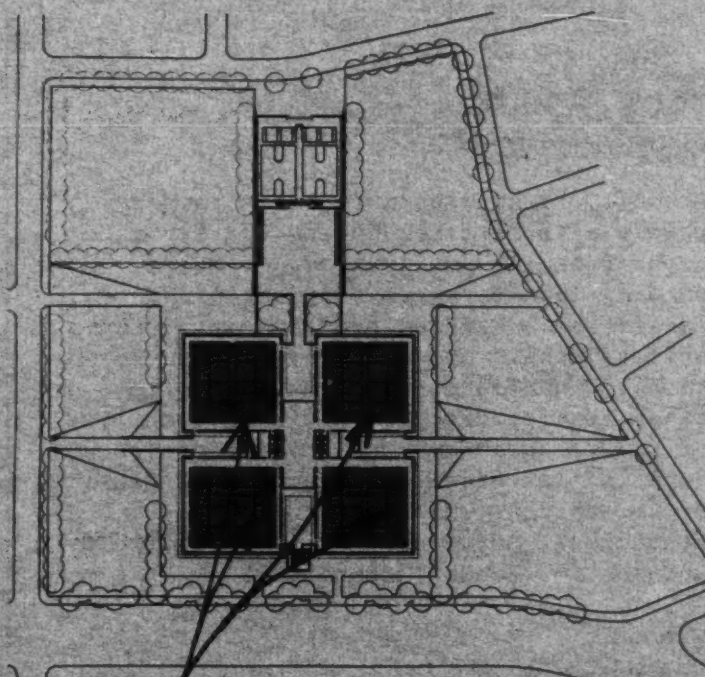
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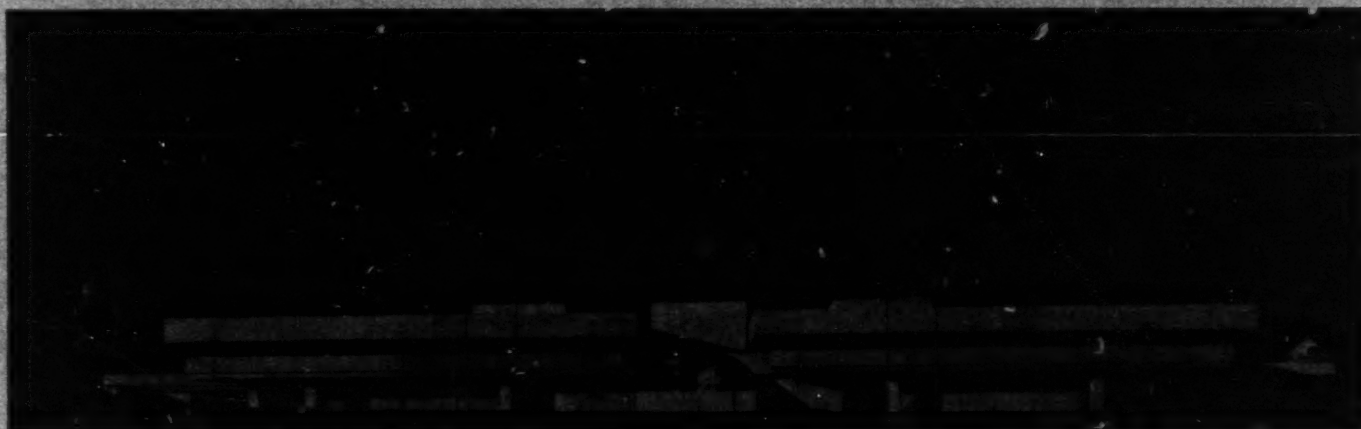
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Four houses of Richard C. Lee High School share gymnasium and athletic fields. Write: Robert Schreck, Principal, Richard C. Lee High School, 100 Church Street South, New Haven, Conn. 06511.



Inexpensive Space Enclosures

Often schools need to enclose large amounts of space inexpensively. Air structures are one building type that fills this need, but there are many other new building methods and materials that make this possible. Lightweight materials, more efficient structural designs and simplified construction processes enable designers to enclose large spaces without obtrusive columns, to build quickly and to build inexpensively. Among the new structures are: geodesic domes, cable structures whose walls are made of thin fabric-like membranes, or lightweight concrete shells. New materials include plastics, such as urethane foam. Construction methods that save time and money include prefabrication and a variety of special techniques for erecting specific kinds of structures.

- o Geodesic domes.

Write: Eugene Maxwell, Cleveland State University, Euclid Avenue at 24th Street, Cleveland, Ohio 44115

- o Prefabricated space frames.

Write: John Winken, Athletic Director, Colby College, Mayflower Hill, Waterville, Me. 04901

- o Urethane foam structure.

Write: William T. Hegdon, President, Graceland College, Lamoni, Iowa 50140

- o Tensile membrane structure.

Write: Leland B. Newcomer, LaVerne College, 1950 Third Street, LaVerne, Calif. 91750



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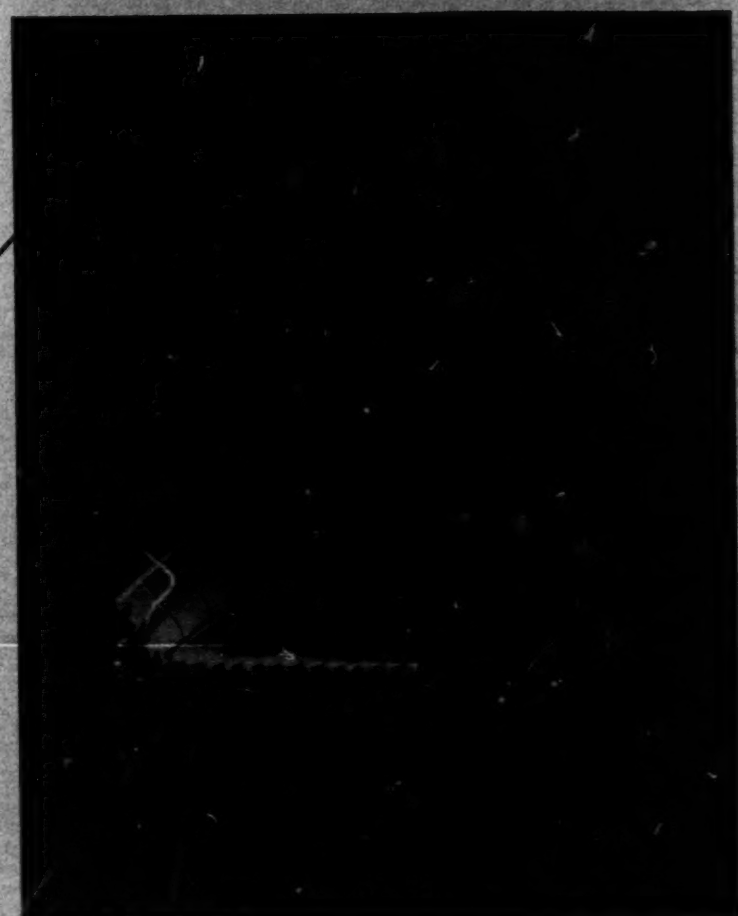
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Instructional Technology

Any tool used in the teaching/learning process -- from book and pencil to computer and light pen -- can be included in a definition of instructional technology. But the technological tools of greatest value to most schools are the simplest, least expensive, and most accessible ones. And industry is beginning to provide devices that make films, slides, and sound as inexpensive and easy to handle as books. Aside from low cost, the main advantage of this kind of equipment is its immediate availability. It is important that there be room for it in the teaching area -- it does not belong in a box or a closet, and certainly not in a different room. Because no special arrangements are necessary for use, a-v material can be integrated with other lesson material or used by an individual student without causing the slightest fuss.

Portable Hardware

o Hand-held projectors. One manufacturer will soon make a model available at less than \$5. retail; it uses a silent super-8MM film cartridge, is hand-cranked, and cordless. It needs no special light source and weighs practically nothing, so can be used anywhere, anytime. A more expensive model permits the use of silent filmstrip and sound movies on the same cartridge. It can be held in the hand or mounted on a small table tripod. Hand-held projectors allow the viewer to hold a frame or slide, reverse, and turn the film in slow motion.

o Audio cassettes. Cassette recorders have become more useful since software producers have made available pre-recorded cassettes in all traditional curriculum areas and at all grade levels. They're small, portable, sturdy, and can be used by groups or individuals.

o Individual microfiche reader. Microfiche readers will soon be available in book size - 8½" x 10". They will weigh about 3½ lb. and are designed to be held in the lap. Portable equipment for storing, retrieving, and duplicating microforms is coming too, and even smaller, cheaper readers are expected to be on the market soon.

o Portable language lab. Essentially a cassette recorder, the portable language lab provides multi-track cassettes, one of which carries the lesson. Students cannot erase the prerecorded lesson, but can record and erase their own responses as often as they wish. The whole package weighs about 5 lb.

o Video cassettes. Manufacturers have not yet standardized TV cassette players, so cassette tapes are not interchangeable among players made by different manufacturers. Players are portable.

o Videotape recorders. Recorders and duplicators are coming down in both size and cost. They are now probably the most practical form of TV equipment for schools that do not want or need to receive live telecasts.

Write: Educational Products Information Exchange Institute, 386 Park Avenue South, New York, N. Y. 10016



Portable video tape players are among the many kinds of electronic hardware children can easily operate. Write: Dorothy Bumpers, Secretary, Matzke Elementary School, 13102 Jones Road, Houston, Tex. 77040.

Hardware Systems

o Dial access. Study carrels equipped with headphones, video screen, and telephone dial enable students in large schools or school systems to receive audio-visual programs stored and played at a remote location. A small computer handles requests and aids in scheduling programs. Specially designed carrels are needed (usually in the resource center), and the computer and a-v equipment need a room that is airconditioned and acoustically isolated.

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because of the large number of channels available and because its programming can take advantage of commercial studios and at the same time be tailored to suit the needs of particular communities. In addition, cable TV offers the possibility of two-way communication.

o Open-circuit instructional television. Ultra-High Frequency and Very High Frequency channels are available for instructional television programs produced by public agencies, including schools. The amount of material available for broadcast varies across the country, but is especially large and helpful in such isolated areas as the Rocky Mountains. To receive this type of broadcast, ordinary sets with UHF and VHF reception are adequate. Sources of additional information about television in schools are listed under Television.

o Language laboratories. Electronic language labs consist of a series of tape recorder/players located at student stations and connected to a master control panel at the teacher's desk.

Software

No instructional hardware is worth its price without good software -- the educational material that the hardware processes. Before buying instructional equipment, it's imperative to decide what kind of software you want to use and whether enough good instructional material is available for that particular equipment. Commercially produced films and tapes are available in great quantity for use with portable tape recorders, projectors of all kinds, and sophisticated dial access systems. But if a school wants to produce its own educational software, it's important to be sure they can do it easily and inexpensively. Some districts that make extensive use of audio-visual equipment operate central software production facilities or supply all requests for instructional materials (hardware and software) from a central clearinghouse. One such facility is the Instructional Materials Processing Center, which serves all schools in Greece, N. Y. At the

IMPC, all materials, including books, are catalogued, new films and kits containing materials relevant to particular subjects are produced, and, whenever necessary, materials are duplicated.

Write: Sue Whan, Instructional Materials Processing Center, P. O. Box 7197, North Greece, N. Y. 14515

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- o Can increase city's tax base. Commercial owners of air rights above school structures pay property taxes or make payments to the city in lieu of taxes. The rent not only defrays land acquisition or credit costs, but provides income for the city after these costs have been repaid.

- o Enables city to acquire sites for other public or subsidized facilities. When schools are combined with subsidized housing, libraries, or health centers, joint occupancy generates little income, but it eliminates the need to acquire additional sites and remove more land from the tax rolls.

- o Provides opportunities for sharing facilities and programs. Building an office building on top of a commercial high school makes possible convenient work/study programs; residents of apartments built over schools can share recreational facilities.

New York City's Educational Construction Fund (see chart) is one of the most active sponsors of joint occupancy projects. The Fund is a public authority whose most important powers are the ability to issue its own bonds outside the city's debt limit and to retire the bonds with income it receives from the lease of air rights and with payments in lieu of taxes equal to what the commercial partner would normally pay the city. After the bonds have been paid off, all income reverts to the city. The Fund selects the commercial developer and supervises the entire project. The developer is responsible for construction of both the school and the non-school portions of the development.

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SCHOOL	PARTNER	PLACE	COMPLETION DATE	REFERENCE
Friends Select School	Commercial Offices (Pennwalt Chemical)	Philadelphia, Pa.	1969	G. Laurence Blou Friends Select S Seventh and Park Philadelphia, Pa
P.S. 99 cafeteria/ auditorium addition	Commercial apartments	New York, N.Y.	planning	Samuel Kaplan, D Development, New Education Constr 250 Broadway, Ne 10007
P.S. 126	Subsidized apartments	New York, N.Y.	1971	Same as above
P.S. 169	Commercial apartments	New York, N.Y.	1972	Same as above
Trinity School	Subsidized apartments	New York, N.Y.	1969	Richard M. Garte Trinity School, New York, N.Y. 1
Quincy School	Public agencies and private organizations	Boston, Mass.	planning (1974?)	Herman H. Field, Planning, Tufts- Medical Center, Boston, Mass. 02
Drake South Commons School	Shopping center, church and housing	Chicago, Ill.	1971	Richard Firman, Drake Elementary 2722 Martin Luth Chicago, Ill. 60

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Offices (Chemical)	Philadelphia, Pa.	1969	G. Laurence Blouvelt, Headmaster, Friends Select School Seventh and Parkway Philadelphia, Pa. 19103
	New York, N.Y.	planning	Samuel Kaplan, Director of Development, New York City Education Construction Fund, 250 Broadway, New York, N.Y. 10007
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See also Instructional Technology

Library

So many different kinds of materials are housed in what used to be the school library that the term "library" has been replaced in most new schools by resource center and instructional media center.

See also Resource Centers

Lighting

Research in lighting performance and changes in educational programs have overturned some of the traditional assumptions about lighting in schools.

o Glare. More important than the amount of light may be the angle at which it strikes the work surface. Light that shines directly onto the page of a book, for example, may produce reflections on the paper that interfere with the ability to read. Special polarized lamps in fixtures that direct light at an angle instead of straight down have been developed to solve the glare problem.

See: Contrast Renditions in School Lighting, available from EFL, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022

o Flexibility. Educational programs that emphasize individual study and the use of instructional technology demand the ability to raise or lower lighting levels in specific areas within large rooms. When children can choose their

own spots for reading or viewing, it may be desirable to provide independent light sources throughout the room. Small, surface-mounted fixtures can be used as supplements to the general light source and at the same time soften the institutional character of large school spaces. This effect is helped by the warm color of incandescent and the newer mercury vapor lamps. See also performance specifications developed for use in systems building projects. These projects are listed under Systems Building.

See: IES School Lighting Handbook, available from the Illuminating Engineering Research Institute, 345 East 47th Street, New York, N.Y. 10017

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Write: Grinnell Locke, Staff Architect, Baltimore City Schools, 2330 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, Md. 21218

Mobile Facilities

Although they have been used to provide temporary classroom space under emergency crowding conditions, mobile facilities are best used to supplement the instructional resources of a number of schools in a cooperative program. Structure and size of mobile units is similar to that of trucks, buses, or mobile homes, so they're not ideal as classrooms. But they are used successfully to bring art galleries, vocational training workshops, libraries, and teacher training programs to individual schools over a wide geographic area.

Write: Suzanne Cohan, Supervisor of Art Education, State Office of Public Instruction - Room 1400, 188 West Randolph Street, Evansville, Ill. 62242

Write: J. Marion Adams, Associate Commissioner for Vocational, Technical and Adult Education, Arkansas State Department of Education, Arch Ford Education Building, Little Rock, Ark. 72201



Notes

New Towns

Construction of new communities creates unique opportunities for implementing innovations in school design. Because no set way of doing things exists and because people go to new towns with a desire for better facilities and services than established cities could offer, new towns are ideal proving grounds for new ideas in education. It's a good idea, therefore, to investigate educational planning in each new town as it occurs. New towns that have already built innovative schools include Reston, Va. (house plan) and Columbia, Md. (middle schools). Other new towns worth watching for planned innovations are Litchfield Park, Ariz., Welfare Island in New York City, and Irvine, Calif.

Performance Specifications

Specifications of any kind are the requirements given by an architect to suppliers of building materials and furnishings. They tell the supplier what is wanted.

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Write: Maxine Koelling, Principal,
Intermediate School, East Orange, N.J.
07017

- o Universal gyms. Large structures that include some of the equipment named above can be used by several students performing different kinds of athletic exercises at the same time.

Write: P. Richard Thiebert, Athletic Director and Special Assistant to the President, Hofstra University,
Hempstead, N.Y. 11550

- o Portable pools. You don't need an olympic-size swimming pool to teach young children basic water safety. Portable pools can be set up anywhere there's space, and removed as easily.

Write: W.G. Campbell, Superintendent,
Carroll County Schools, Carrollton,
Miss. 38917

- o Artificial ice. Children can skate on synthetic surfaces that become as slick as ice when a conditioner is applied. Panels can be laid in gyms or cafeterias.

Write: Robert Finley, Superintendent of Schools, Glen Cove Public Schools,
Glen Cove, N.Y. 11542

See also Artificial Playing Surfaces

- o Artificial turf. Synthetic grass substitute can be applied indoors or out -- even on rooftops in cities. It's used for all types of grass sports, including golf and tennis.

Write: Woodstock Academy, Academy Road,
Woodstock, Conn. 06288

See also Artificial Playing Surfaces

With the new attitudes toward physical education, high schools don't really need to construct expensive gyms designed first and foremost for inter-scholastic basketball. To achieve economies in physical education structures (the gym can account for as much as 30 per cent of the cost of a new high school), more flexible facilities are being designed and schools are working out ways to share facilities

that do require substantial investments. For example:

- o Air structures. Instead of building gyms, some schools simply cover their recreation-athletic areas with translucent material supported by air. See also Encapsulated Space



Air structure makes rooftop athletic facilities usable all year round. Write: Paul R. De Cicco, Director of Physical Planning, Brooklyn Polytechnical Institute, 333 Jay Street, Brooklyn, N. Y. 11201.

- o Inexpensive space enclosures. A number of lightweight, long-span structures designed to enclose large amounts of space economically are used today for physical education activities. They include domes, tensile structures (tents), and prefabricated types.

See also Inexpensive Space Enclosures

- o Sharing with other schools. In Providence, R.I., several schools use the athletic facilities of Brown University and Pembroke College.

Write: Dorothy Brightman, Chairman, Physical Education, Mary C. Wheeler School, 216 Hope Street, Providence, R.I. 02906

- o Sharing with the community. Rooftop play and athletic areas can be used after school hours by the public, and the cost of their maintenance can be shared by Parks and Recreation Departments.

Write: Joseph Ringers, Assistant Superintendent, Arlington County Public Schools, 1426 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Va. 22207

See: 5.COMMUNITY/SCHOOLS,p.64

See also Joint Occupancy

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- o Responsibility. Letting children make their own rules about playground behavior makes them feel the place belongs to them. And children are far more conscientious in obeying their own rules than in adhering to a set of "No's" posted on a sign. See: Play and Playgrounds, a publication available from EFL, 477 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10022

Write: The Parks Council, 80 Central Park West, New York, N.Y. 10023

See also Physical Education

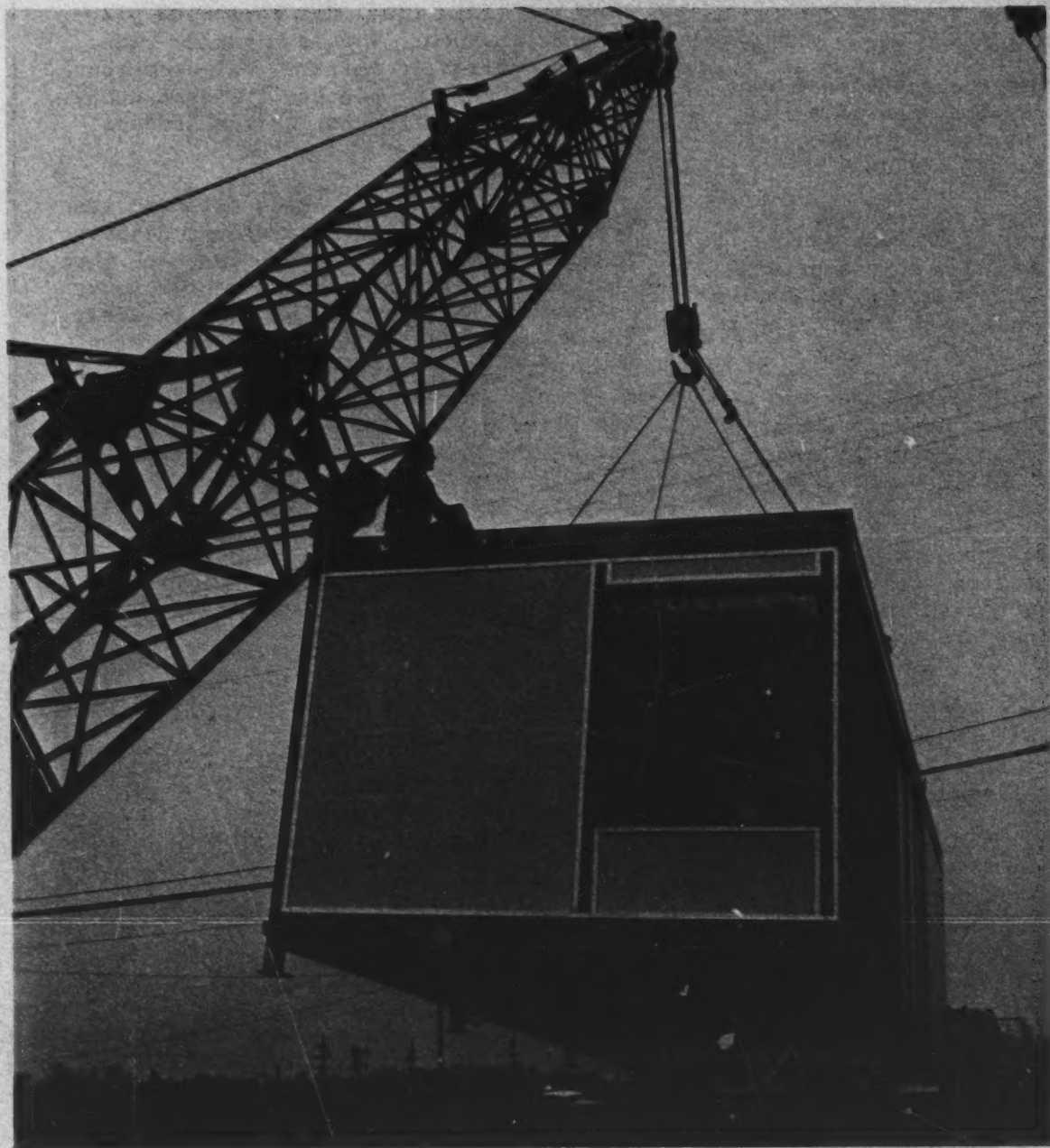
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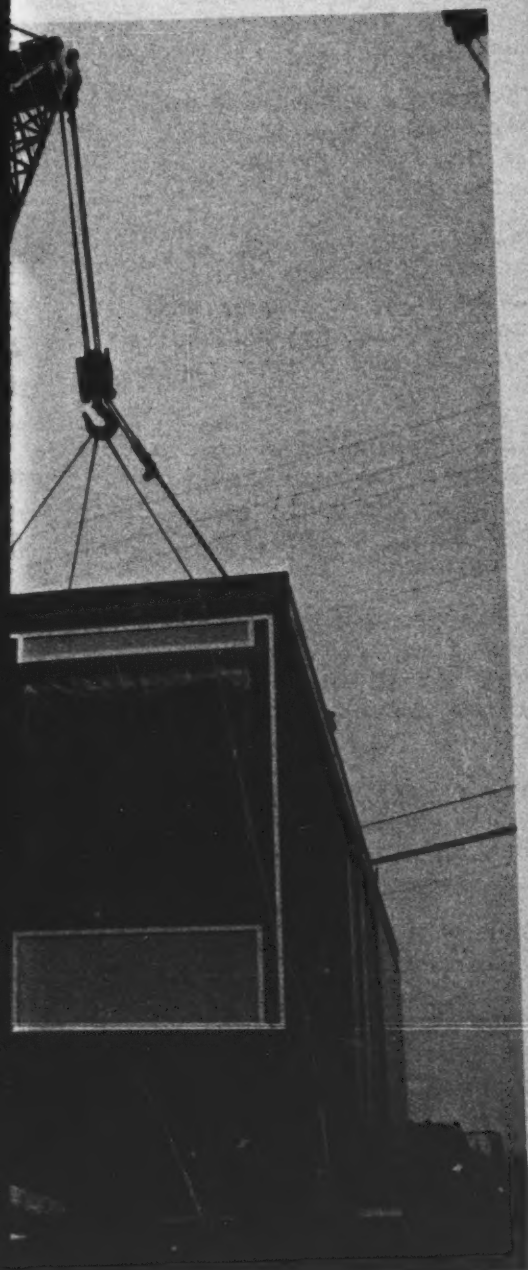
Dome and other equipment for playground at U. S. Office of Education were designed to be produced from easily available materials and constructed by small local shops. Write: Martin Engel, United States Office of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S. W., Washington, D. C. 20202.

Relocatable Facilities

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The need to provide a school space quickly -- to relieve overcrowding or to meet a sudden rise in enrollment -- has led many school districts to buy or lease relocatable structures. There are many varieties of relocatable facilities, but all are designed for temporary use until a permanent facility has been provided. Most relocatables are limited to the size of a single classroom and offer neither the flexibility nor the communal atmosphere and resources of a permanent building. If sufficient units are required, the client can commission an architect to design a facility and then call for bids from manufacturers, or the architect can develop performance specifications for manufacturers to meet with their own designs. Developing performance specifications is usually the better choice, if there's time. When only a few units are wanted, it will be necessary to settle for a stock model.

See also Performance Specifications
See also Mobile Facilities
See also Encapsulated Space
See also Inexpensive Space Enclosures

Types

o **Portable.** These are single or double classroom units that can be transported in one piece from place to place. They're moved the same way houses are -- that is, they're jacked up and lifted onto a flat-bed truck, so size is limited by width of streets, height of power lines, and so on. Their size and weight usually limit their relocatability to relatively short distances. Portable units can be used as self-contained classrooms or supplementary facilities.

Write: Wayne F. Betts, School Architect,
School Facilities Planning Division,
State Department of Education,
Tallahassee, Fla. 32304

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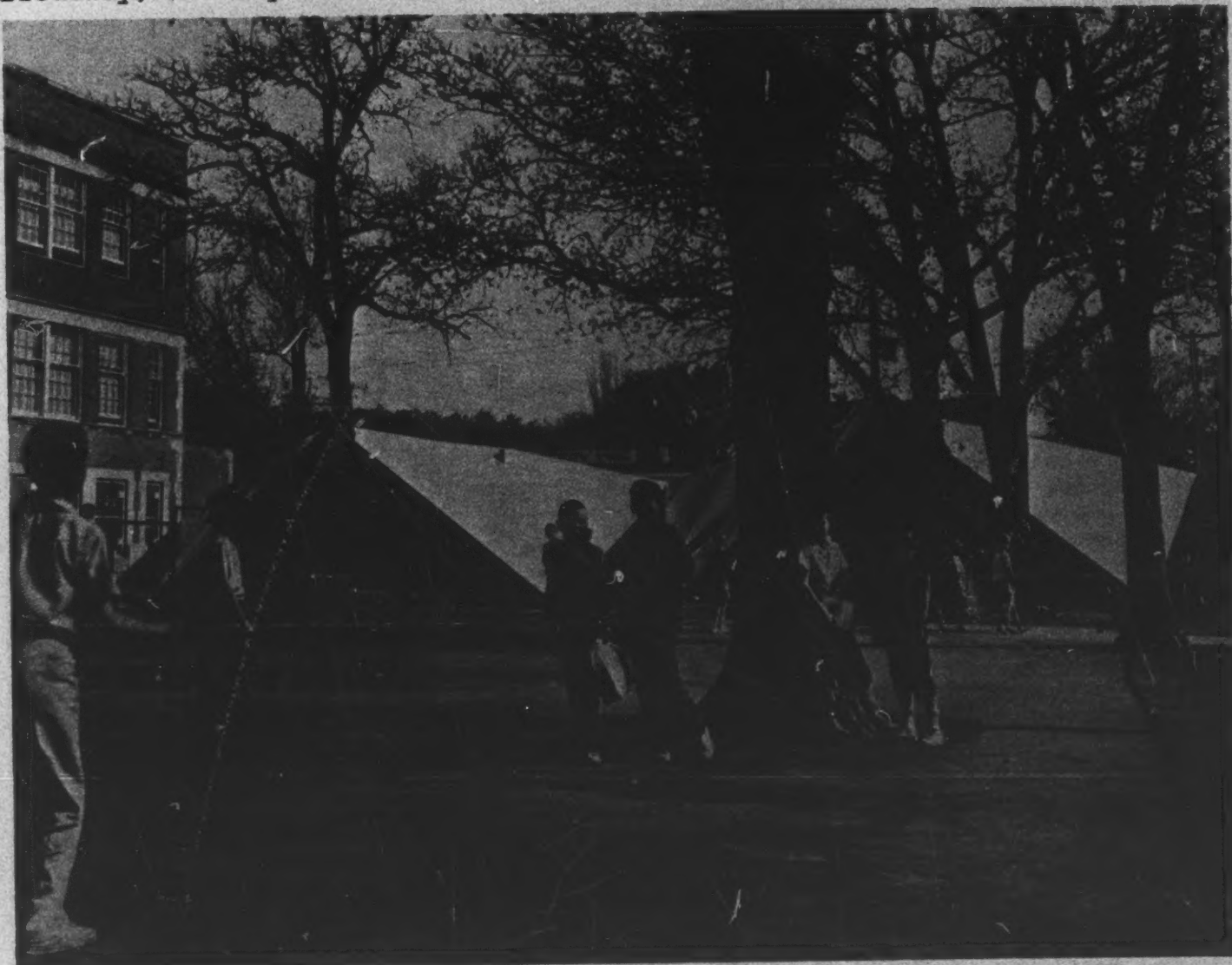
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o Demountable. Demountable facilities are usually made of a series of panels that can be detached from one another and piled on a truck for moving. Demountable units can take a variety of shapes, and therefore permit a greater degree of planning flexibility than other types of relocatables. But because they take more time to move, they're best used as long-term installations.

Write: Jack Kramer, Director of Maintenance and Facilities, Goleta Union School District, 5689 Hollister Avenue, Goleta, Calif. 93017

MINNEAPOLIS HAS USED DEMOUNTABLE FACILITIES FOR MANY YEARS

Write: James Clubb, Special School District #1, 807 Northeast Broadway, Minneapolis, Minn. 55413



Rescheduling

Rescheduling alters students' and teachers' attendance patterns to increase classroom capacity, reduce schoolhouse operation costs, improve flexibility of programs and better use the learning resources.* Many schools faced with little money, overcrowded classes, or community opposition to traditional split sessions are turning to the calendar for relief. Without lowering educational standards or using double sessions, schools are re-scheduling the day, the week, the year, and the length of courses in an effort to use the classrooms more fully. Each alternative has a large number of variations, but, in general, the extended day plan and the shortened week plan have fewer complications and can be implemented quickly. The extended year and extended subject programs are more complex and require more planning.

See: 7. PLANNING/PROCEDURES, p.100

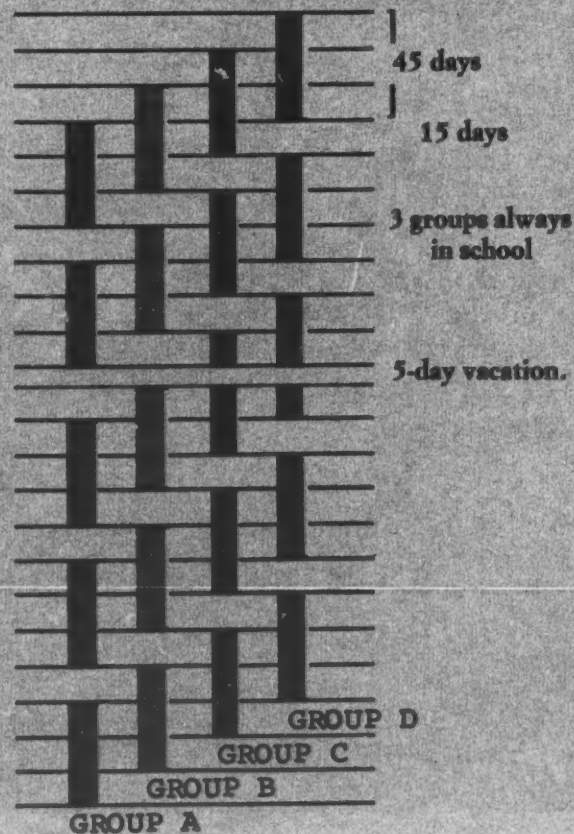
*See also Computers

o Extended school day. Traditional double sessions that overlap in the middle of the day are not true extended programs. However, a high school can divide its enrollment and create two separate schools. In the mornings, one 'school' would attend regular classes while some students from the second 'school' took extra-curricula work. In the afternoons the roles would reverse. A Las Vegas high school runs a second 'school' starting at 4 p.m. for students who prefer late hours. This type of scheduling enables schools to reach dropouts or students who need to work.**

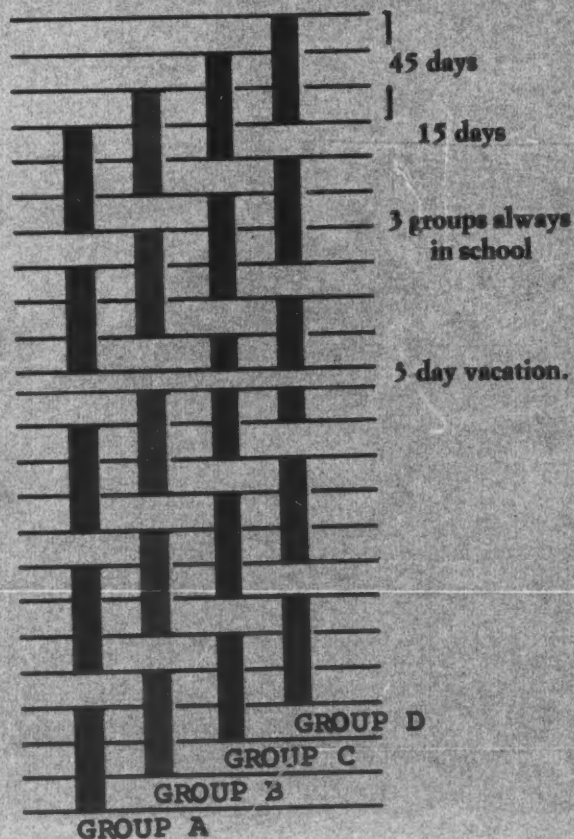
**See: 6. REACHOUT SCHOOLS, p.78

o The shortened school week. A school district in Maine combines a four-day week with a slightly longer school day. This plan has saved \$13,000 on transportation, food service and maintenance in its first half year of operation. With 1,650 K-12 students free on Fridays, the schools use the extra day for teacher training. Although this plan has saved money, schools in the future will have to accept some responsibility for students on their day off.

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o The extended school subject. Called the Gill Plan for the private school now using it, this alternative divides the year into eight 5-week units in which students study only one subject per unit. It has not yet demonstrated any savings in the first half year of operation, but it has some distinct advantages. Studying one subject at a time makes maximum use of the faculty and individual instruction. The plan lends itself to a better use of regional resources.* Students travel to other states for in-depth studies which allows them more flexibility and also increases the school's capacity by about 30%.

*See: 6.REACHOUT SCHOOLS, p.78

Notes

Rescheduling

	SCHOOL	CITY	METHOD	GRADE	NUMBER OF STUDENTS	DATE INSTITUTED	WRITE:
THE EXTENDED SCHOOL DAY	Las Vegas Urban High School	Las, Vegas, Nev.	Night School	High School	500	Aug. 1970	Kenny C. G. 2832 East
	Jones High School	Beaville, Tex.	Night School	High School	230	Sept. 1970	Lester W. Jones High
	John Adams High School	Portland, Ore.	Night School	High School	50	Sept. 1970	Patricia A. John Adams
THE SHORTENED SCHOOL WEEK	School Administrative District #3	Thorndike, Me.	4-Day Week	K-12	1,650	Sept. 1971	David Day, District #
THE EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR	Fulton County Schools	Atlanta, Ga.	Voluntary 4-Quarter	High School	1,150	June 1968	Douglas Ma 786 Clevel
	Dallas City Schools	Dallas, Tex.	Voluntary 4-Quarter	Elementary, Jr. & High	4,000	Aug. 1972	Robert B. 3700 Ross
	Lawrence High School	Falmouth, Mass.	Voluntary 4-Quarter	High School	500	June 1969	Harry S. Ma Falmouth P
	Rochester Area Schools	Rochester, Pa.	Voluntary 4-Quarter	K-12	2,500	Sept. 1971	Matthew P. 540 Reno St
	Jefferson County Schools	Louisville, Ky.	Compulsory 4-Quarter	1-12	90,000	Aug. 1972	J. C. Cant 3332 Newbur
	Molalla Elementary School District	Molalla, Ore.	Compulsory 4-Quarter	Elementary	1,000	June 1971	Sam D. Will Molalla, Or
	St. Charles School District	St. Louis, Mo.	Compulsory 9-3	Elementary	3,000	July 1969	Alan O'Dell Route #2, S
	Alameda County Unified School District	Hayward, Calif.	Compulsory 9-3	Elementary	600	Sept. 1968	Robert Will Alameda Co
	Valley View School District 11	Lockport, Ill.	Compulsory 45-15	Elementary	7,200	June 1970	Kenneth Har School Dist
	Chicago Elementary School District	Chicago, Ill.	Compulsory 45-15	Elementary	2,000	July 1971	Evelyn F. C 228 North L
	Chula Vista Elementary School District	Chula Vista, Calif.	Compulsory 45-15	Elementary	3,800	July 1971	Burton C. T Schools, P.
	Prince William County	Dale City, Va.	Compulsory 45-15	Elementary & Jr. High	3,500	June 1971	Earnest Mue County Scho
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Las Vegas, Nev.	Night School	High School	500	Aug. 1970	Kenny C. Guinn, Superintendent, Clark County School District, 2832 East Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, Nev. 89109
Waco, Tex.	Night School	High School	230	Sept. 1970	Lester W. McCoy, Principal, Jones High School, Waco, Tex. 76702
Portland, Ore.	Night School	High School	50	Sept. 1970	Patricia A. Wertheimer, Director of Clinical Division, John Adams High School, Portland, Ore. 97211
Springfield, Mo.	4-Day Week	K-12	1,650	Sept. 1971	David Day, Special Projects Coordinator, School Administrative District #3, Unity, Mo. 64988
Atlanta, Ga.	Voluntary 4-Quarter	High School	1,150	June 1968	Douglas Mackee, Deputy Superintendent, Fulton County Schools, 786 Cleveland Avenue, S. W., Atlanta, Ga. 30315
Dallas, Tex.	Voluntary 4-Quarter	Elementary, Jr. & High	4,000	Aug. 1972	Robert B. Harris, Director of Secondary Programs, 3700 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Tex. 75204
Falmouth, Mass.	Voluntary 4-Quarter	High School	500	June 1969	Harry S. Merson, Superintendent, Administration Building, Falmouth Public Schools, Falmouth, Mass. 02536
Rochester, Pa.	Voluntary 4-Quarter	K-12	2,500	Sept. 1971	Matthew P. Bosie, Superintendent, Rochester Area Schools, 540 Reno Street, Rochester, Pa. 15074
Louisville, Ky.	Compulsory 4-Quarter	1-12	90,000	Aug. 1972	J. C. Cantrell, Director, Elective Quarter Plan, 3332 Newburg Road, Louisville, Ky. 40219
Medford, Ore.	Compulsory 4-Quarter	Elementary	1,000	June 1971	Sam D. Wilson, Superintendent, P. O. Box 107, Medford, Ore. 97508
St. Louis, Mo.	Compulsory 9-3	Elementary	3,000	July 1969	Alan O'Dell, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Instruction, Route #2, St. Louis, Mo. 63301
Hayward, Calif.	Compulsory 9-3	Elementary	600	Sept. 1968	Robert Williams, Director of Elementary Education, Alameda County Schools, P. O. Box 3000, Hayward, Calif. 94544
Lockport, Ill.	Compulsory 45-15	Elementary	7,200	June 1970	Kenneth Hermansen, Superintendent of Schools, Valley View School District, 590 Belmont Drive, Lockport, Ill. 60441
Chicago, Ill.	Compulsory 45-15	Elementary	2,000	July 1971	Evelyn F. Carlsson, Board of Education, City of Chicago, 228 North LaSalle, Chicago, Ill. 60601
Chula Vista, Calif.	Compulsory 45-15	Elementary	3,800	July 1971	Barton C. Tiffany, District Superintendent, Chula Vista City Schools, P. O. Box 207, Chula Vista, Calif. 92011
Prince William County, Va.	Compulsory 45-15	Elementary & Jr. High	3,500	June 1971	Earnest Mueller, School Community Relations, Prince William County Schools, Box 389, Manassas, Va. 22110
Bernardsville, N. J.	Extended Sub- ject 5-Week Courses	9-12	126	Sept. 1971	John H. Wright, Jr. Headmaster, The Gill School, Claremont Road, Bernardsville, N. J. 07934

Resource Centers

Libraries nowadays contain so much more than books that they're seldom called libraries -- instructional media center and resource center are often used instead. (The term resource center is also used to denote a special-purpose building shared by a number of schools.) In addition to storing a diversity of materials, such as books, film projectors, microfilms and readers, periodicals and slides, the librarian must face the challenge of making whatever the resource center offers attractive and accessible to students. Here are some ideas for coping with two major tasks.

See: 6.REACHOUT SCHOOLS, p. 78

o Decentralizing. Open plan schools have attempted to spread the resource center's contents throughout the building so that they are accessible wherever the students happen to be. It's hard to predict where books on any given subject will be needed, and keeping track of books is a problem, but if a school has good copying equipment there is no reason why all materials should be kept in one place.

Write: Hilton Lewis, Principal, Nova Junior-Senior High School, 3600 Southwest 70 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33314

o Making the whole school a resource center. One school has built the library around the students, saturating the students with books. The problem of keeping track of resource center materials is equally difficult in this case, but students are less likely to rely only on the books that happen to be nearest them if they think of the whole building as a resource center.

Write: Edward C. Pino, Superintendent, Cherry Creek Schools, 4700 South Yosemite Street, Englewood, Colo. 80110

o Modular storage. Manufacturers are recognizing the problem of interfiling books and a-v materials, and have begun producing interchangeable shelving units designed to accommodate books, slides, films and microforms.

Write: Educational Products Information Exchange Institute, 386 Park Avenue South, New York, N.Y. 10016

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Write: Richard N. Suprina, Principal, Hauppauge High School, Hauppauge, N.Y. 11787



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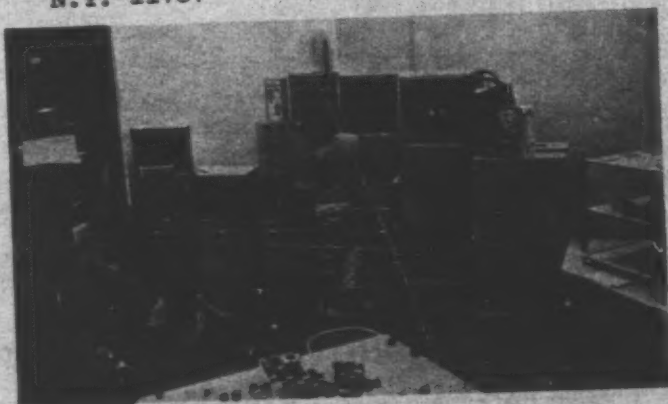
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Write: Robert Metzler, Superintendent, Clear Creek School District, Idaho Springs, Colo. 80452

o Display. Making the contents of the resource center known to its users can sometimes be accomplished through exhibits related to curriculum or current events. One school has an exhibit gallery at the library entrance; another runs a continuous multi-media show on the walls of its centrally located resource center. Students constantly pass on their way to classes and are not only familiarized with some aspect of the resource center collection, but attracted by the presentation of new ideas.

Write: Frederick F. Clark, Principal, The Kate School, P.O. Box 68, Carpinteria, Calif. 93013

Write: F.W. Robinson, Jr., Principal, Beverly Hills High School, 241 Moreno Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. 90212

o Book carts. In open plan schools, book carts may be the appropriate compromise between the central resource center and the totally dispersed collection. If a group is working on a particular subject, the librarian can pull together a selection of appropriate materials, stack it on a cart, and get the whole collection back in a day or two.

Write: Robert Fitzgibbon, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Kirk Road Elementary School, 1790 Latta Road, Greece, N.Y. 14612

o Paperback collections. Paperback collections are still relatively rare in schools, probably because of fear that the books will disappear. However, experience shows that instead of stealing, students often increase the original collection with their own paperbacks. Records need not be kept, since you can assume the contents will fluctuate but not diminish, and that means the books are being read. Special display shelving is available from manufacturers, and sometimes from the publishers or distributors of paperbooks.

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o Instructional hardware. Special equipment, such as computer terminals, dial access carrels, projectors, and even teletype machines, is most often housed in the resource center. The area of the center where such equipment is to be used must be acoustically separated from reading space, and special lighting or lighting controls may be needed. Sometimes glassed-in spaces are suitable; sometimes special rooms must be provided.

Write: H.P. Kushta, Principal, South Shore High School, 7627 South Constance Avenue, Chicago, Ill. 60649

See also Large-Group Instruction
See also Instructional Technology

Sites for Schools

Finding a school site that's both suitable and economically within reason can be a difficult task. A number of unconventional solutions to the site problem have been successful. But because they often involve special structural designs, unusual excavating costs, or, occasionally, inconvenience to students and staff, they are recommended only where no other solution is possible.

See also Joint Occupancy

See also Mini-Schools

See also Air Rights

See also Financing School Construction

See also Physical Education

o Build above or below publicly owned structures. Land under an elevated expressway or air rights over a train yard, for example, may be obtainable at little or no cost. And, using land already occupied by public structures avoids the necessity of displacing families or removing more land from the municipal tax rolls.

Write: J.H. Matteson, Dade County School Board, 1410 Northeast Second Avenue, Miami, Fla. 33132

o Build underground. One advantage of an underground building is its qualification for federal aid to air raid shelter construction. Another is that it avoids the permanent destruction of natural land-

scape, and, finally, it is a good way to insulate a school's occupants against the rigors of a desert climate.

Write: H.P. Allrer, Superintendent of Schools, 200 West Chisum Street, Roswell, N.M. 88201

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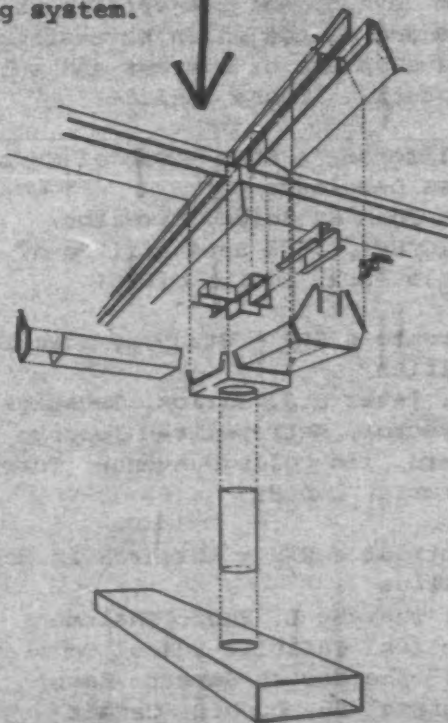
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o Subsystem. A group of building components that performs part of the total function of the entire building system; for example, a heating, ventilating and airconditioning subsystem made up of components such as energy converters, air handling units, ductwork, diffusers and controls, the first subdivision of a building system.



o Compatibility. The state of functional, dimensional, economic and aesthetic coordination between two or more building subsystems or components.

o Performance Specification. A set of written objectives which describes a building system, subsystem or component for bidding purposes, not by its physical properties, but by the desired results; in other words, not by what it is, but by what it does.

How Systems Work

Systems building begins with analyses of educational programs and planning needs which are then interpreted in preliminary building designs. The building's subsystems are defined by performance specifications -- e.g., "lighting will provide 70 footcandles of illumination on the task surfaces," "structure must allow a maximum of 7,200 sq ft of unobstructed area." Building subsystems are then provided by suppliers, usually chosen by competitive bidding. Subsystems must meet the performance criteria, be compatible with each other, and, when taken together, form a building system.

There have been several major building system development projects in the United States and Canada which have stimulated the development of systems and subsystems by industry. These include:

o California's SCSD - School Construction Systems Development

Write: John R. Boice, Director,
BSIC/EFL, 3000 Sand Hill Road,
Menlo Park, Calif. 94025

o Toronto's SEF - Study of Educational Facilities

Write: Peter T. Tirion, Technical
Director, Metropolitan Toronto School
Board, 155 College Avenue, Toronto 28,
Ontario, Canada

o Montreal's RAS - Research in School Facilities

Write: Therese L. Roux, Chairman,
Montreal Catholic School Commission,
3737 Sherbrooke Street East,
Montreal 36, Quebec, Canada

There have also been several major application projects which have taken these same basic performance criteria and applied them to large-volume school building programs:

o Florida's SSP - Schoolhouse Systems Project

Write: Harold L. Cramer, Director,
Department of Education, State of
Florida, Tallahassee, Fla. 32304

o Detroit's CSP - Construction System Project

Write: Wallace B. Cleland, Director,
51 West Hancock Avenue, Detroit,
Mich. 48201

o Boston's BOSTCO - Boston Standard Component System

Write: Robert J. Vey, Director, Boston
Public Facilities Department, Boston,
Mass. 02201

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Instructional Television: Bold New Venture,
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Press, Bloomington, Ind., 1971. For
information about two school systems'
experience with Educational TV, write:
Ira Singer, Assistant Superintendent of
Schools, West Hartford Public Schools,
West Hartford, Conn. 06607, and W.M.
Brish, Superintendent of Schools, Wash-
ington County, Hagerstown, Md. 21740
See also Instructional Technology

Notes

General Sources for Planning School Facilities

Here are a few basic texts on planning
new schools. They are a good starting
point when a new building is being dis-
cussed.

Schools for America, American Association
of School Administrators, Washington, D.C.,
1967.

Creative Planning of Educational Facilities,
by Basil Castaldi, Rand McNally and Co.,
Chicago, Ill., 1969.

Guide for Planning Educational Facilities,
Council of Educational Facility Planners,
Columbus, Ohio, 1969.

Complete Guide for Planning New Schools,
by Nickolaus L. Engelhardt, Parker Pub-
lishing Co., West Nyack, N.Y., 1970.

Layman's Guide to School Planning,
Nation's Schools Magazine (Special publi-
cation), Chicago, Ill., 1970.

See also Systems Building

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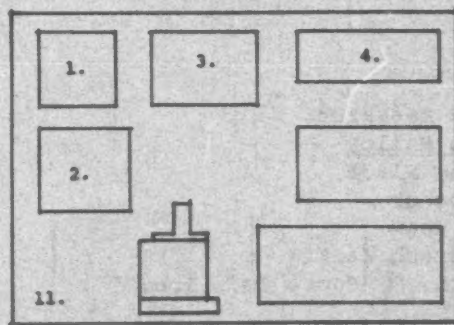


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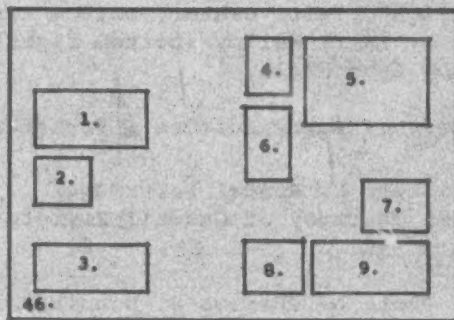


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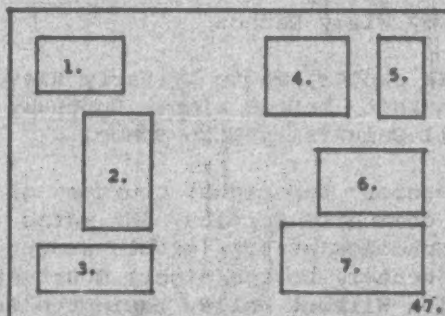


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